

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF
OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

OF THE TOWN OF

NORTHFIELD,
MASSACHUSETTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER

1989

*Proposed Addition/Renovations -
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL*



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TOWN OFFICERS
May 1989 to May 1990

MODERATOR

Edwin H. LaMontagne, Jr. (Resigned) Term expires May 1991

TOWN CLERK

Mary C. Taerner Term expires May 1991

SELECTMEN

Carolyn B. Parenteau, Chairman Term expires May 1991
Bill Jacoby Term expires May 1990
Eugene A. L'Etoile Term expires May 1992

ASSESSORS

Alice Lord, Chairman Term expires May 1992
James E. Dresser, Jr. Term expires May 1991
Warren E. Whitney, Clerk Term expires May 1990

TAX COLLECTOR

Barbara J. Brassor Term expires May 1990

TREASURER

Barbara J. Brassor Term expires May 1991

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Jane Lyle-Jaworski, Chairman Term expires May 1991
Michael Tatistcheff Term expires May 1991
Patricia E. Shearer Term expires May 1992
Michele F. Lawler (Resigned) Term expires May 1990
Barbara Kibler (Appointed)
Linda W. Leavis Term expires May 1990

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Raymond H. Harris Term expires May 1990
Mary E. Llewelyn Term expires May 1991

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Richard A. Giles, Chairman Term expires May 1991
Lenore H. Gaudet Term expires May 1991
Elizabeth Mayberry Term expires May 1992
Lucille Bolton Term expires May 1992
Carolyn M. Spencer Term expires May 1990
Jon G. McGowan Term expires May 1990

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Richard H. Bassett Term expires May 1990
Roger E. Bassett Term expires May 1991
Horace F. Field Term expires May 1992

TREE WARDEN

Richard H. Bassett Term expires May 1991

CONSTABLES

David Brassor	Term expires May 1992
James B. O'Shea	Term expires May 1992
John D. Ware	Term expires May 1992
William J. Young	Term expires May 1992

PLANNING BOARD

Barbara A. Mennard, Chairman	Term expires May 1993
Robert Kibler	Term expires May 1990
Marian Holbrook	Term expires May 1991
Walter C. Jaworski	Term expires May 1992
Bonnie L'Etoile	Term expires May 1994

BOARD OF HEALTH

Richard G. Parsons, Chairman	Term expires May 1991
Donald L. Randall	Term expires May 1991
Kevin B. Murphy	Term expires May 1990
Joseph Medeiros	Term expires May 1990
Dan A. Gray	Term expires May 1992

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Albert N. Stone, Chairman	Term expires May 1991
Kenneth Lee Miller	Term expires May 1990
Alan G. Lawler	Term expires May 1992

RECREATION COMMISSION

Harry L. Glazier, Chairman	Term expires May 1991
Timothy M. Shippee (Resigned)	Term expires May 1991
James L. Polhemus	Term expires May 1990
Edward M. Powell, Jr.	Term expires May 1990
Dorothy Parrill	Term expires May 1990
Doris Carlson	Term expires May 1992
Carol Driver	Term expires May 1992

APPOINTED BY MODERATOR

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dwight P. Stearns, Chairman	Term expires July 1991
Richard Lopriore	Term expires July 1990
Susan Giles	Term expires July 1990
Claude Shepard, Jr.	Term expires July 1991
Joanne Gardner	Term expires July 1992
Andrea Dale	Term expires July 1992

APPOINTED BY BOARD OF HEALTH

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Daniel Arsenault	Term expires May 1990
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PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Frank Turner

APPOINTMENTS BY SELECTMEN FOR 1990

ACCOUNTANT

Ethel D. Fowler (Resigned) Term expires July 1990
Deborah Johnson (Appointed)

CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FOREST FIRE WARDEN Floyd M. Dunnell, III

ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF
David G. Quinn, Sr.

CAPTAIN
David G. Quinn, Jr.

DEPUTY FIRE WARDENS
David G. Quinn, Sr. Thomas Holton David G. Quinn, Jr.

CHIEF OF POLICE
Richard F. Taferner Term expires Dec. 1991

POLICE OFFICERS
William Forrest David Gendron, Chief,
James B. O'Shea Erving, Ma.
Shirley A. Thompson George LaPenta, Erving
David R. Clark Peter Brulotte, Chief,
David Brasseur Bernardston, Ma.
Michael Gralenski Brian Graves, Bernardston
Robert F. Leighton Burt Whitney,
James Lake, Jr. Bernardston
Patrick Prevett

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS FOR SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS
David G. Quinn, Sr. John D. Ware David R. Gibson

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS
David R. Gibson Term expires May 1990

SUPERINTENDENT OF INSECT & PEST CONTROL
Richard H. Bassett

TRUSTEE, FRED W. WELLS WILL
Theodore G. Penick Term expires May 1990

Rep. to FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Louis Guillette

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR
Thomas Shearer Term expires Dec 1990

WIRING INSPECTOR
Edward F. Marchefka
Franklin County Cooperative Wiring Inspector Program

BUILDING COMMISSIONER

Edward R. Davis Term expires April 1990
Gordon Derrig, Substitute Building Inspector Term expires April 1990

INSPECTOR OF GAS PIPING AND GAS APPLIANCES

Frank S. Turner Term expires Dec 1990

PUBLIC WEIGHERS

Donald S. Mason	Pierina Dobias	Bruce Symington
Ronald H. Laczynski	J. Herman Weimers	Warren E. Whitney
Ed Voudren	James J. Marold	Thomas J. Russell
Joelle Cullen	Mike Nelson	

FIELD DRIVERS AND FENCE VIEWERS.

James E. Dresser, Jr.	Paul T. Gorzocoski	Fredd M. Fuller
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FOREST WARDEN

Richard H. Bassett

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Edward Fortier	Term expires April 1990
Ruth Stebbins	Term expires April 1991
Mary Ann Ladd	Term expires April 1992

ELECTION OFFICERS

Edward Fortier	Term expires Jul/Aug 1990
Helen M Greene	Term expires Jul/Aug 1990
Mychaeline H. Skinner	Term expires Jul/Aug 1990
Ann P. James	Term expires Jul/Aug 1990
Getty Gibson	Term expires Jul/Aug 1990
Ruth D. Johnson	Term expires Jul/Aug 1990

SUBSTITUTE ELECTION OFFICERS

Rhoda S. Yucavitch	Term expires Jul/Aug 1990
Joseph Medeiros	Term expires Jul/Aug 1990
Fernand A. Caron	Term expires Jul/Aug 1990
Raymond J. Parenteau	Term expires Jul/Aug 1990
Florence A. Thompson	Term expires Jul/Aug 1990
John F. Ladd	Term expires Jul/Aug 1990
Gloria Billings	Term expires Jul/Aug 1990
Eileen Huber	Term expires Jul/Aug 1990
Ethel D. Fowler	Term expires Jul/Aug 1990
Mary O'Connell	Term expires Jul/Aug 1990
Robert Johnson	Term expires Jul/Aug 1990
John Driver	Term expires Jul/Aug 1990
Alice Fortier	Term expires Jul/Aug 1990
Jane Abbott	Term expires Jul/Aug 1990

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Kathleen B. Nutter, Chairman	Term expires June 1991
Alice Lord	Term expires June 1990
Mary B. Porter	Term expires June 1991
Charles Field	Term expires June 1992
Paul Gorzocoski	Term expires June 1992
Sandra Price	Term expires June 1992

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS, PLANNING BOARD-BOARD OF APPEALS

Edward D. Shearer, Chairman	Term expires Dec. 1991
Raymond E. Clark	Term expires Dec. 1990
Thomas J. Russell	Term expires Dec. 1992
Donald Lippack	Term expires Dec. 1993
Stanley Gaida	Term expires Dec. 1994
Robert G. Barnes, Associate Member	Term expires Dec. 1990
Joanne McGee, " "	Term expires Dec. 1990
Marguerite Lentz, " "	Term expires Dec. 1990

ARTS LOTTERY COUNCIL

Thomas White, Chairman	Term expires July 1990
Mary Ann Ladd	Term expires July 1990
Nancy Knipe	Term expires July 1990
Sarah Chastain-Chapman	Term expires July 1990
Marilyn Barrett	Term expires July 1991

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

William Llewelyn	Term expires May 1990
Drake Williams	Term expires May 1990
David Coutu	Term expires May 1990
Neal Smith	Term expires May 1991
Paul Carpenter	Term expires May 1991
Raymond J. Parenteau	Term expires May 1991
Mary A. Wozniak	Term expires May 1992

COUNCIL ON AGING

Lewis Wood, Chairman	Term expires Dec. 1990
Francis Reed	Term expires Dec. 1990
Eileen U. Gorzocoski	Term expires Nov. 1991
Helen Greene	Term expires Nov. 1991
Floyd Rusk	Term expires Nov. 1991
Sophie Servaes, Treas.	Term expires Dec. 1993
Fr. James Thompson	Term expires Dec. 1993
Neil Katz	Term expires Nov. 1992

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The 1989-1990 Selectmen's year in review can simply be characterized by the term consensus agreement. The major obstacles facing the Town of Northfield fell under the category of finances. As Selectmen, we were faced with a deficit forced upon us by the State of Mass. which reduced our Local Aid by some \$83,365. This reduction in available revenue played havoc with the decision-making process.

The most contentious issue faced by the Town was in the area of education. At a special town meeting in June an article was placed on the warrant to decide whether to transfer Alexander Hall to the Town. This decision, when passed, gave the School Building Committee a greater latitude in developing a new school at a greatly reduced cost. This was translated into another special town meeting in February in which the Town overwhelmingly endorsed the building of a new elementary school at a cost of \$3,100,000. The Selectmen had unanimously endorsed this new school along with the Finance Committee.

The transfer station in West Northfield drew a lot of the Selectmen's attention. D.E.P. had determined that the previous Selectmen had ignored their repeated directives regarding the legalization of the station. A letter followed by a required meeting in Springfield which brought the new Selectmen in consensus with D.E.P. Engineering plans were drawn by Bill Allen, County Engineer, and eventually accepted by both the Selectmen and the Board of Health. Transfer station stickers were then issued in March.

It took three elections, but eventually the Town passed a Proposition 2 1/2 Override. Both the Elementary School as well as P.V.R.S. reduced their budget to an acceptable amount to help face this fiscal crisis.

In yet another spirit of cooperation the Selectmen worked with the Town Manager Study group to help select a new Administrative Assistant. After many meetings and interviews, Douglas O'Neil was chosen to fill that post.

Countless projects seemed to surface with regularity involving the attention of the Selectmen. Renewal of the Continental Cablevision license was eventually resolved through another committee with the Selectmen. Additional channels as well as updated service is scheduled to begin with the year.

Martone Trucking was hired to help solve our solid waste problem. Our disposal site in New Hampshire was closed forcing us to find a new location for the ever mounting solid waste. A two-year contract with a landfill in Barre addressed that issue.

In November, Ethel Fowler submitted her resignation as Town Accountant after many years of devoted service. The Selectmen have hired Deborah Johnson of Erving to fill that post.

There were certainly numerous projects addressed by the Selectmen which helped keep the town on a somewhat even keel. However, it should be noted that the cooperation was always apparent in helping to address each issue. Our financial problems are by no means over. As a matter of fact, even as this report is written, additional financial cuts from the State loom on the horizon. We cannot expect to receive a grant of \$35,000 in emergency aid next year, but what we can expect is to establish leadership in the community to address our financial problems and face them with cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn B. Parenteau, Chairman
Eugene A. L'Etoile
Bill Jacoby
NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT - 1989

It is extremely important that Northfield's Vital Statistic records be complete and correct. If any errors or omissions are discovered, the Clerk would deem it a favor to have them reported at once so that corrections may be made.

Births - 1989

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Parents</u>
January		
18	Todd Joseph Ryan	Thomas F. & Wilhelmina C.
24	William Harris Bishop	David S. & Cynthia
25	Reed Tanner Sisson	Cody F. & Jeanne
February		
4	Craig Daniel Ryan	Daniel J. & Shirley
March		
6	Elyssa May Holloway	Michael J. & Jo Ann
13	Melissa Sue Dirth	Almon F. & Debra
April		
26	Benjamin Thomas Wonsey	Thomas A. & Debra
May		
1	Laura Frazier McDonough	Matthew & Janice
16	Caitlin Elizabeth Mason	Christopher R. & Lisa
23	William Bolles Ward	James B. & Susan
July		
20	Susanna Claire O'Brien	Kevin P. & Julianne
29	Lucas Gueval Goldstone	Peter & Anne
August		
16	Kevan Frank Bordner	Brian & Brenda
24	Ryan Patrick Kilroy	Robert T. & Mary-Elizabeth
29	Ryan James Dintaman	Dale & Sheila
September		
7	Sara Elizabeth Bowser	Peter E. & Kristina
27	Jacob David Stevens Sweet	Donald J. & Sherry
28	Katherine Hope Parsons	Steven W. & Sharon

Marriages - 1989

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name and Residence</u>	<u>Place of Marriage</u>
January		
14	Keith Freyenhagen, Turners Falls, Ma. Janice Lorrain Nelson, Northfield, Ma.	Northfield

March			
4	David John Jurkowski, Northfield, Ma. Rhoda Lee Smith, Winchester, N.H.	Northfield	
May			
13	Mark Christopher King, Keene, N.H. Sylvan Winifred Colburn, No. Hinsdale, N.H.	Northfield	
June			
24	Joseph Thomas Elliott, 3rd, Somerville, Ma. Heidi Elaine Foster, Somerville, Ma.	Gill	
July			
1	Louis William Peck, 3rd, Millers Falls, Ma. Mary E. Hogan, Northfield, Ma.	Northfield	
August			
12	Dan A. Gray, Northfield, Ma. Kathryn H. Bridges, Northfield, Ma.	Greenfield	
12	James F. Sears, Spofford, N.H. Wendy Sue Hyrne, Spofford, N.H.	Northfield	
26	Bruce Alan Hall, Northfield, Ma. Laurie Gay Roberge, Northfield, Ma.	Gill	
26	Robert Fredd Fuller, Bernardston, Ma. Erika Jean Rylander, Bernardston, Ma.	Northfield	
26	Jeffrey Peter White, Athol, Ma. Shirley Diane Rogers, Northfield, Ma.	Gill	
September			
16	Raymond F. Hubbard, Northfield, Ma. Bonnie K. Gray, Northfield, Ma.	Greenfield	
November			
4	Matthew James Cook, Northfield, Ma. Nancy Iris Hickey, Northfield, Ma.	Northfield	

Deaths - 1989

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Age</u>
February			
1	Ralph K. Leach	March 1, 1913	75
6	Dorothy Deatt Harris	June 17, 1915	73

March			
11	Dunham Oswell Shepard	October 23, 1900	88
11	Charles Flint Coy	April 15, 1915	73
11	Marie Annette Nauman	August 30, 1920	68
22	Edmond Walter Brassor	October 21, 1922	66
April			
3	Lenny Frank Stebbins	February 13, 1970	19
20	Lynna Royce Aldrich	January 5, 1897	92
24	Joseph William Zajac	February 4, 1898	91
25	Geraldine Sistare Vincent	January 27, 1923	66
May			
21	Elinor Smith Sheldon	April 4, 1912	77
July			
4	Robert Henry Hartwell	October 16, 1921	67
6	Elisabeth LaBelle Holton	April 18, 1896	93
29	Trafton Locke Ely	December 16, 1908	80
October			
4	Pauline Agnes Smith	October 1, 1910	79
15	Arthur James Green	May 12, 1889	100
November			
7	Helen May Stearns	January 29, 1900	89
15	Maurice Burnham Flanders	August 7, 1895	94
December			
11	Luman Asa Barber	December 23, 1900	88

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

March 7, 1989

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Mr. Edwin LaMontagne, at 7:30 p.m.

ARTICLE 1: VOTED unanimously that the Town transfer from available funds the sum of \$6,316.56 to supplement the following accounts:

Selectmen's Expense	\$ 1,450.00
Soldier's Relief	1,100.00
Medicare	2,600.00
Interest	<u>1,166.56</u>
	\$ 6,316.56

ARTICLE 2: VOTED unanimously that the Town transfer from available funds the sum of \$96.76 to pay the following bill from a prior fiscal year:

Bill's Service Station (Highway Dept. Exp.)	\$96.76
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ARTICLE 3: DEFEATED that the Town appropriate the sum of \$5,877,875.00 for the purpose of constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new building addition to the Northfield Elementary School and renovating existing elementary school facilities; and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow the sum of \$5,877,875 under the authority of Chap. 44 of the Mass. General Laws, Chap. 645 of the Acts of 1948 or other enabling legislation; and provided that no more than \$390,000 for the cost of hiring an architect to prepare plans, specifications, bid documents and related costs may be borrowed until the Town has been awarded a state grant of at least 67% of the eligible project costs.

VOTES: 289 for) Total number of votes 565
276 against)

2/3 majority or 373 votes needed to pass.

ARTICLE 4: VOTED unanimously that the Town authorize the Selectmen to petition the Great and General Court for legislative authority to permit the Town to exercise the option of "level" debt service repayment for any school bonds or notes authorized for the purpose of constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new building addition and renovations to the existing elementary school building facilities.

THIS MEETING, ON ADVICE OF COUNSEL, WAS RECESSED; TO BE RECONVENED ON WED., MARCH 22, 1989 AT 7 P.M. AT P.V.R.S.

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The recessed meeting of March 7, 1989 was reconvened on Wednesday, March 22, 1989 and discussion on Article 3 in the amount of \$4.5 million was voted upon.

ARTICLE 3: DEFEATED that the Town appropriate the sum of \$4.5 million for the purpose of constructing an addition to the Northfield Elementary School.

VOTES: 303 for) Total ballot count 628
325 against)

2/3 vote (420) needed to pass.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary C. Taferner
TOWN CLERK

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

May 1, 1989

Approximately 207 voters assembled in accordance with the Warrant. The meeting opened at 7:15 p.m. and was called to order by Mr. Edwin LaMontagne, Moderator. The invocation was given by Father James Thompson.

ARTICLE 1: VOTED unanimously that the Town waive the reading of the Warrant and act on the motions of the following articles.

ARTICLE 2: VOTED unanimously that the Town hear and act upon the reports of the several Town Officers, Boards, Committees, Commissioners and Trustees.

ARTICLE 3: VOTED unanimously that the Town, under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 4 of the Mass. General Laws, as amended, authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the current fiscal year beginning July 1, 1989, and to issue a note or notes thereof, payable within one (1) year, and under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 17, to renew any such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one (1) year, any debt or debts incurred hereunder to be paid from the revenue of the said fiscal year.

ARTICLE 4: VOTED AS AMENDED that the Town, under the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 10B of the General Laws of Mass., as amended, determine the amounts for salaries of all elected officials, maintenance of the several departments of the Town and other necessary charges for Fiscal Year 1990, raise and appropriate the sum or sums recommended for same, after which one vote was taken accepting all recommendations.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

APPROPRIATED for FY90

Moderator	
Salary	75.00
Expenses	80.00
Selectmen	
Chairman	1121.40
Members (2)	2114.60
Expenses	6500.00
Administrative Assistant	18750.00
Secretary Salary	16500.00
Copy Machine, Supplies and Service	1200.00
Accountant	
Salary	11000.00
Expenses	500.00
Treasurer	
Salary	5817.00
Expenses	3000.00
Tax Title Foreclosure Cost	400.00

Tax Collector	
Salary	4078.00
Expenses	4500.00
Assessors	3630.00
Clerk	6027.00
Expenses	3100.00
Finance Committee Expenses	100.00
Town Clerk	
Salary	2500.00
Expenses	600.00
Elections and Registrations	2000.00
Town Counsel	6000.00
Planning Board Expenses	500.00
Appeals Board Expenses	325.00
Town Hall	
Custodian	5905.00
Maintenance	9350.00
	115673.00

PUBLIC SAFETY

Constables	
Wages	300.00
Expenses	30.00
Police Dept.	
Wages and Salaries	63029.00
Operating Expense	20522.00
Police Liability Ins.	5089.00
Emergency Personnel Services	4250.00
Fire Department	
Chief Salary	1500.00
Forest Fire Warden	300.00
Public Safety Officer	150.00
Fire Dept. Secretary	200.00
Fire Dept. Wages	10500.00
Fire Dept. Operating	13500.00
Inspection Fees	1100.00
Hose and Equipment	6500.00
Hydrants	1500.00
Water Holes	1000.00
Maintenance Fire Station	5000.00
Building Commissioner Services	7329.00
Tree Department	
Wages	6000.00
Expenses	1000.00
Insect and Pest Control	414.00
Wire Inspector Program	7121.00
Dog Officer	
Wages	1500.00
Expenses	1200.00
Civil Defense	1000.00
Fence Viewers, Pound Keepers, Field Drivers	1.00
	160035.00

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health	
Salaries	1361.00
Expenses	2200.00
Nursing Service and Expenses	11000.00
Animal Inspector	525.00
Sewer Commission	
Salaries	817.00
Expenses	67.00
Collectors Salary	404.00
Sewer Dept. Wages	26509.00
Operation and Maintenance Sewer Plant	21236.00
Waste Disposal	-0-
	<u>64119.00</u>

HIGHWAYS

Highway Supt. Expense	800.00
Highway Dept. Wages	84042.00
Snow Removal Wages	40121.00
Snow Removal Expenses	36200.00
Maintenance, Highway Garage	4000.00
Machinery Maintenance	55000.00
Highways, Bridges and Railings	76560.00
Dilling and Stoning	18000.00
Highway Tools	800.00
Garage Tools	200.00
Street Lights	24000.00
Highway Bounds, Etc.	1.00
Waste Disposal	80000.00
	<u>419724.00</u>

VETERANS

Soldiers' Relief	4000.00
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SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

Elementary School Committee Salaries	1103.00
Elementary School	753396.00
Pioneer Valley Regional School Operating	627618.24
Pioneer Valley Regional School Capital	329.33
Franklin County Technical School Capital	3194.56
Franklin County Technical School Operating	91898.21
Dickinson Library	
Wages	33532.00
Expenses	17758.00
Northfield Farms Library	400.00
	<u>1529229.34</u>

RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

Recreation Commission	9350.00
Maintenance Athletic Field	600.00
Conservation Commission	225.00
Reserve Fund (transferred from Surplus Overlay)	10000.00
Land Damages	1.00
Town Reports	2200.00
Memorial Day	1000.00
Insurance, Chap. 32B	78000.00
Other Insurance	65000.00
Historical Society Building	300.00
Historical Commission	200.00
Alexander Hall	340.00
Town Clock	75.00
Medicare	6000.00
Council on Aging	2884.00
Emergency Medical Transportation	12933.00
	189108.00

CEMETERIES

Wages and Services	750.00
Expenses	50.00
	800.00
Interest	3000.00
Maturing Debt.--Sewer, Int. and Principal	63317.98
GRAND TOTAL	
	2549006.32

The following Resolution was read by Selectman Chairman, Mrs. Carolyn B. Parenteau:

RÉSOLUTION

WHEREAS the efficient administration of Town affairs is achieved through the largely voluntary assumption of official responsibilities by elected or appointed officers combined with the loyal and faithful service of salaried employees, and,

WHEREAS certain persons have during the past year concluded periods of service during which they have made substantial contribution to the public weal,

BE IT RESOLVED that the names and nature of service by the following named persons be herewith noticed and recorded in the minutes of this Annual Town Meeting of 1989 in grateful recognition of their work on behalf of the Town:

Mary E. Metcalf - Selectman
Robert P. Johnston - Selectman
Margaret A. Striebel - Administrative Assistant

Paul Mayberry (deceased) - Library Trustee
 Charlene Nable - Library Trustee
 Matthew McDonough - Planning Board
 James Vohr - Planning Board
 Peter Pullen - Planning Board
 David Walker - Board of Health
 Anthony Matteo - Recreation Commission
 Fred MacNeill - Plumbing Inspector
 Marvin Holloway - Deputy Fire Warden
 Terrance Parker - Police Officer
 Dale Derrig - Police Officer
 Walter Grover, Bernardston - Police Officer
 David G. Quinn, Jr. - Special Police Officer for
 special assignments
 Marian Holbrook - Rep. to Franklin County
 Technical School
 Tammy Snow - Public Weigher
 David H. Smith - Public Weigher
 Lee Scherer - Public Weigher
 Mary Taferner - Substitute Election Officer
 Grace Randolf - Historical Commission
 James Field - Historical Commission
 Rena Finch - Arts Lottery Council
 Lenore Gaudet - Arts Lottery Council
 Joanne McGee - Arts Lottery Council
 Jean Shepard - Conservation Commission

NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
 May 1, 1989

ARTICLE 5: DEFEATED unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow the sum of \$135,000 to purchase the land and buildings of the Dean Williams estate on Warwick Ave., Northfield, Mass., as described under Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 1, 1989.

ARTICLE 6: VOTED unanimously that the Town accept from the Northfield Mount Hermon School, a Massachusetts corporation, or any other granting agency or corporation, any sum or sums of money to reimburse the Town for FY90 for emergency medical purposes.

ARTICLE 7: VOTED (by majority vote) that the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to pay for medical expenses incurred by a police officer during training at the State Police Academy.

ARTICLE 8: VOTED (by majority vote) that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,500.00 for the purchase of 7 new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for the Fire Department.

ARTICLE 9: VOTED unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 to pay medical expenses of Marvin Holloway incurred over and above the limits of insurance coverage provided by the Town.

ARTICLE 10: VOTED (by majority vote) that the Town allow the Selectmen to join the Franklin County Cooperative Building Inspection Program (F.C.C.B.I.P.) beginning July 1, 1989.

ARTICLE 11: VOTED (by majority vote) that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,200.00 for a new copier for the Town Hall offices.

ARTICLE 12: DEFEATED (by majority vote) that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the purchase of a computer and related software for the Town Hall offices.

ARTICLE 13: PASSED OVER that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the purpose of contracting for the evaluation of renovations and additional space at the Northfield Town Hall.

ARTICLE 14: VOTED unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for preservation of the Town Clerk's Vital Statistics and early Town records.

ARTICLE 15: VOTED (by majority vote) that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,500.00 for an audit of the Town's finances for Fiscal Year 1989.

ARTICLE 16: VOTED unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,375.00 for the purchase of a new dump body for the Highway Department's 1979 Mack truck.

ARTICLE 17: VOTED unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,600.00 for the purchase of a new hydraulic sander, mounted with pump and all hydraulics for the Highway Department.

ARTICLE 18: VOTED (by majority vote) that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 for the paving of the section of Beers Plain Road from Maple Street to New Plain Road.

ARTICLE 19: VOTED unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 to continue reconstruction of Birnam Road from Glenwood Avenue to North Lane.

ARTICLE 20: VOTED unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,125.00 as the Town's share of Chapter 90-type reconstruction on South Mountain Road.

ARTICLE 21: VOTED unanimously that the Town accept and expend the sum of \$56,732.00 or any other sum or sums of money that may be made available from the Commonwealth of Mass., Dept. of Public Works, under the provisions of Chapter 15 of the Acts of 1988 for 90-type construction, reconstruction and improvement of public ways; and to authorize the Selectmen to enter into contracts relative thereto; and further to appropriate said sum or sums from Chapter 15 of the Acts of 1988 in anticipation of reimbursement by the Commonwealth.

ARTICLE 22: VOTED unanimously that the Town accept and appropriate the sum of \$474.82, provided by the County, designated as the "Dog Fund", to the Dickinson Memorial Library in accord with the provisions of Chapter 172.

ARTICLE 23: VOTED unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,142.13 for the Town's share of salary and expenses of a Shared Health Agent.

ARTICLE 24: VOTED unanimously that the Town accept the provisions of Chapter 111, Section 26B of the Mass. Gen. Laws, as amended, allowing septic installers to serve on the Northfield Board of Health.

ARTICLE 25: VOTED unanimously that the Town authorize the Northfield Board of Health to appoint any or all of its members as septic system inspectors at a per inspection fee of \$25.00, in accord with Chapter 41, Section 4A, Mass. Gen. Laws, as amended, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for said purpose.

ARTICLE 26: VOTED (by majority vote) that the Town authorize the Board of Health to employ a Secretary/Clerk; and raise and appropriate the sum of \$900.00 for the salary of same.

ARTICLE 27: VOTED (by majority vote, 197 yes, 8 no, 2 blanks) that the Town accept the provisions of Sections 44A to 44L inclusive, of Chapter 40 of the Gen. Laws, and together with such of the Towns of Ashfield, Bernardston, Charlemont, Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Greenfield, Hawley, Leverett, Leyden, Montague, New Salem, Northfield, Orange, Rowe, Shelburne, Sunderland, Wendell, Warwick, and such other towns in Franklin County as may vote to accept the provisions of said sections and to establish a Regional Refuse District to be known as the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District in accordance with the proposed agreement filed with the Selectmen of the Town, and further, to request the Massachusetts General Court to pass legislation ratifying and confirming the aforesaid agreement.

ARTICLE 28: VOTED unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,480.23 for Northfield's allocated share of the initial budget of the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District.

ARTICLE 29: VOTED unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 as Northfield's share of participating with other Franklin County towns in the County Household Hazardous Waste Collection.

ARTICLE 30: VOTED unanimously that the Town accept an Equal Educational Opportunity Grant (E.E.O.G.) for Fiscal Year 1990 in the amount of \$31,354.00 under the provisions of Gen. Laws, Chapter 70A, Section 5, as inserted by Chapter 188 of the Acts of 1985. Said grant shall be expended by the School Committee for direct service expenditures (Northfield Elementary School).

ARTICLE 31: VOTED unanimously that the Town authorize the Franklin County Technical School District to accept an Equal Educational Opportunity Grant (E.E.O.G.) from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the amount of \$12,281.00 in additional education aid for Fiscal Year 1990.

ARTICLE 32: VOTED (by majority vote) that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 for the purposes of contracting for the evaluation and repairs to the Elementary School North Building.

ARTICLE 33: VOTED AS AMENDED (by majority vote, 80 yes, 78 no) that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be expended under the direction of the Elementary School Building Committee for the employment of a consulting architect, procurement and preparation of plans, and estimates of costs and other related expenses for renovations and/or repairs to the Elementary School; said plans to be presented to the Town no later than February 1, 1990.

ARTICLE 34: VOTED unanimously that the Town appropriate the sum of \$16,000.00 from the Northfield Nine-Town Community Development Block Grant Program Income Fund for expenses associated with the Massachusetts Agricultural Preservation Restriction Program, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Conservation Commission.

ARTICLE 35: VOTED unanimously that the Town authorize the Conservation Commission, with the approval of the Selectmen, to employ a Secretary/Clerk; and raise and appropriate the sum of \$450.00 for the salary of same.

ARTICLE 36: VOTED unanimously that the Town accept the following sums of money for Perpetual Care of the following cemetery lots:

From Geraldine Schwenke, for Perpetual Care of Lot #27 1/2 in Northfield Farms Cemetery	\$100.00
From Alvin I. Comins, for Perpetual Care of Lot #14 1/2 in Northfield Farms Cemetery	\$100.00
From Mrs. George Lombard, for Perpetual Care of Lot #98 1/2 in West Northfield Cemetery	\$100.00
From Eleanor C. Schouler, for Perpetual Care of Lot #162 in Pentecost Rd. Cemetery	<u>\$100.00</u>
Total	\$400.00

ARTICLE 37: VOTED unanimously that the Town authorize the Assessors to appoint one of their members as Clerk of and to the Board of Assessors, in accord with the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 4A of the Mass. Gen. Laws, and/or to employ a Clerk.

ARTICLE 38: VOTED unanimously that the Town print the Valuation and Taxes booklet every six years after completion of the Town revaluation, beginning with the year 1989, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,200.00 for said purpose.

ARTICLE 39: PASSED OVER that the Town raise and appropriate a sum for the Stabilization Fund.

ARTICLE 40: VOTED unanimously that the Town instruct the Assessors to use from available funds the sum of \$105,000.00 for the purpose of reducing the tax levy for Fiscal Year 1990.

ARTICLE 41: PASSED OVER that the Town amend the Protective Regulations By-Law for the Town of Northfield as described under Article 41 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 1, 1989.

ARTICLE 42: PASSED OVER that the Town accept the Town By-Law described under Article 42 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 1, 1989.

ARTICLE 43: VOTED (by majority vote) that the Town instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee to investigate whether or not the Town should employ a Town Manager to work under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, the committee to consist of one member each from the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and Planning Board, and four other residents of the Town; said committee to complete its study by November 1, 1989 and present its findings and recommendations to the Town Meeting next following that date, which Town Meeting shall be preceded by a public hearing called by the Committee not less than two weeks nor more than six weeks prior to said Town Meeting; and to further raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the expenses of said committee.

ARTICLE 44: VOTED (by majority vote, 67 yes, 41 no) that the Inhabitants hold a Non-Partisan Town Caucus for the nomination of candidates for Town Officers required to be voted for by official ballot in accordance with Mass. Gen. Laws, Chapter 53, Section 121. The Moderator shall appoint, annually, a committee.

ARTICLE 45: VOTED unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,750.00 for the purchase of five (5) communication pagers for use by the Police Dept. and E.M.T.'s.

The meeting was dissolved at 11:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary C. Taferner
TOWN CLERK

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

May 2, 1989

The polls were opened at 8:00 a.m. The total of votes cast for each office was 776. The results are as follows:

Selectman (for three years)

Eugene A. L'Etoife (Dem.)	413
Peter C. Nagle (Rep.)	340
Blanks	23

Selectman (for one year)

Joanne Gardner (Dem.)	381
Bill Jacoby (Rep.)	384
Blanks	11

Assessor (for three years)

Alice B. Lord (Rep.)	660
Stanley Wickey	1
Gert Wirth	1
Peter Pullen	1
Blanks	113

School Committee (for three years)

Patricia E. Shearer (Rep.)	644
Mary Johnson	1
Michael Schena	1
Michelle Lawler	1
Blanks	129

Library Trustee (for three years) Vote for 2

Lucille I. Bolton (Rep.)	555
Elizabeth G. Mayberry (Rep.)	540
Shauna Tillson-Griffin	198
Blanks	259

Cemetery Commissioner (for three years)

Horace F. Field (Rep.)	677
Robert Johnson	1
Blanks	98

Constable (for three years)

David R. Brassor (Rep.)	639
James B. O'Shea (Rep.)	637
John D. Ware	634
Blanks	418

Constable (for three years, Northfield Farms)

William J. Young (Rep.)	605
Blanks	171

Planning Board (for five years)

Bonnie Tucker L'Etoile (Rep.)	571
Marian Holbrook	1
Andrea Dale	1
Robert Kibler	1
Chad Glover	1
Doris Balk	1
Blanks	200

Planning Board (for two years)

Marian A. Holbrook (Rep.)	488
Robert W. Kibler (Dem.)	242
Norman Fowler	1
Blanks	45

Planning Board (for one year)

Susan Hyrne	12
Marian Holbrook	10
Norman Fowler	7
Robert Johnston	2
Homer Stavelly	1
John Carson	3
Robert Kibler	17
Richard Parsons	1
Michelle Steiner	1
Neal Smith	1
Doris Balk	4
Charles Blanker	1
Meg Raymond	1
Robert Platek	1
Patricia Lemon	1
John Ware	1
Joseph Kayan	1
T.R. Shearer	1
Steven Lanou	1
Edwin LaMontagne, Jr.	1
James Jurek	1
Alexis Crossen	1
Ralph Worden	1
Blanks	705

Board of Health (for three years)

Dan A. Gray (Rep.)	588
Kathryn Bridges	1
Bill Jacoby	1
Laura DiBari	1
Peter Leyden	1
Blanks	184

Board of Health (for one year)	
Kathryn Bridges (Rep.)	341
Joseph Medeiros	376
Bill Jacoby	1
Blanks	58

Sewer Commissioner (for three years)	
Alan G. Lawler (Rep.)	637
Blanks	139

Recreation Commission (for three years)	
Doris M. Carlson (Rep.)	523
Carol Driver (Dem.)	565
Bill Jacoby	1
Blanks	463

The polls closed at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary C. Taerner
TOWN CLERK

ANNUAL ELECTION RECOUNT VOTE May 15, 1989

Selectman (for one year)	
Joanne Gardner	381
Bill Jacoby	384
Blanks	11

Submitted,

Mary C. Taerner
TOWN CLERK

SPECIAL ELECTION - June 7, 1989,
(Override)

QUESTION:

Shall the Town of Northfield be allowed to assess an additional \$155,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of General Budget appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1989.

Yes	205
No	227
Blanks	3

The override was defeated.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary C. Taferner
TOWN CLERK

SPECIAL ELECTION - July 18, 1989
(Override)

The polls opened at 8:00 a.m.

QUESTION:

Shall the Town of Northfield be allowed to assess an additional \$98,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of General Budget appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1989.

Yes	290
No	293
Blanks	0

The polls closed at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary C. Taferner
TOWN CLERK

SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS of JUNE 29, 1989 (Recessed),
and CONCLUDED JULY 24, 1989

ARTICLE 1: VOTED UNANIMOUSLY that the Town waive the reading of the Warrant and act on the motions of the following articles:

ARTICLE 2: VOTED that the Town, under the provisions of Chapter 41, Sec. 10B of the General Laws of Mass., as amended, raise and appropriate the following sums of money to fix the salaries of all elected officials for FY1990, and for maintenance of the several departments of the Town and for other necessary charges.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

APPROPRIATION

Moderator	
Salary	71.00
Expenses	80.00
Selectmen	3236.00
Expenses	4900.00
Administrative Assistant	15625.00
Secretary Salary	16500.00
Copy Machine	1200.00
Accountant	
Salary	11000.00
Expenses	300.00
Treasurer	
Salary	5817.00
Expenses	3000.00
Tax Title Foreclosure Cost	400.00
Tax Collector	
Salary	4078.00
Expenses	4500.00
Assessors	3630.00
Clerk	6027.00
Expenses	2950.00
Finance Committee Expenses	100.00
Town Clerk	
Salary	2500.00
Expenses	400.00
Elections & Registration	2000.00
Town Counsel, Expenses	5000.00
Planning Board Expenses	500.00
Appeals Board Expenses	275.00
Town Hall	
Custodian	5905.00
Maintenance	9000.00
TOTAL	108994.00

PUBLIC SAFETY

Constables

Wages	300.00
Expenses	30.00

Police Dept. Wages and Salaries 63029.00

Operating Expense 19545.00

Police Liability Ins. 5089.00

Emergency Personnel Service 3000.00

Fire Department

Chief Salary 1500.00

Forest Fire Warden 300.00

Public Safety Officer 150.00

Fire Dept. Secretary 200.00

Fire Dept. Wages 9000.00

Fire Dept. Operating Expense 13500.00

Inspection Fees 1100.00

Hose and Equipment 6500.00

Hydrants 1500.00

Water Holes -0-

Maintenance Fire Station 5000.00

Tree Department

Wages 4500.00

Expenses 1000.00

Insect and Pest Control 414.00

Wire Inspector Program 7121.00

Building Commissioner - Services 7329.00

Dog Officer

Wages 1500.00

Expenses 1200.00

Civil Defense 1000.00

Fence Viewers, Pound Keepers, Field Drivers 1.00

TOTAL 153808.00

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health

Salaries 1361.00

Expenses 2200.00

Nursing Service and Expenses 10500.00

Animal Inspector 525.00

Sewer Commission

Salaries 817.00

Expenses 67.00

Collectors Salary 404.00

Sewer Dept. Wages 26509.00

Operation and Maintenance Sewer Plant 19338.00

Waste Disposal -0-

TOTAL 61721.00

HIGHWAYS

Highway Supt. Expense	800.00
Highway Dept. Wages	82272.00
Snow Removal Wages	38204.00
Snow Removal Expenses	36200.00
Maintenance, Highway Garage	4000.00
Machinery Maintenance	55000.00
Highways, Bridges, Railings	69600.00
Oiling and Stoning	10000.00
Highway Tools	800.00
Garage Tools	200.00
Street Lights	24000.00
Highway Bounds, Surveys, Street Lists	1.00
Waste Disposal	80000.00

TOTAL 409077.00

VETERANS

Soldiers' Relief	4000.00
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SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

Elementary School Committee Salaries	1103.00
Elementary School	729875.00
Pioneer Valley Regional School Operating	594994.69
Pioneer Valley Regional School Capital	329.33
Franklin County Technical School Capital	3194.56
Franklin County Technical School Operating	91898.21
Dickinson Library	
Wages	33532.00
Expenses	15058.18
Northfield Farms Library	400.00

TOTAL 1470384.97

RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

Recreation Commission	8000.00
Maintenance Athletic Field	600.00
Conservation Commission	225.00
Reserve Fund (from Surplus Overlay)	10000.00
Land Damages	1.00
Town Reports	2200.00
Memorial Day	1000.00
Insurance, Chap. 32B	78000.00
Other Insurance	60000.00
Historical Society Building	300.00
Historical Commission	200.00
Alexander Hall	340.00
Town Clock	75.00
Medicare	9000.00

Council on Aging	2747.00
Emergency Medical Transportation	<u>12933.00</u>

TOTAL	185621.00
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CEMETERIES

Wages and Contractual Services	750.00
Expenses	<u>50.00</u>

TOTAL	800.00
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INTEREST	3000.00
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MATURING DEBT-SEWER, INT. AND PRINCIPAL	<u>63317.98</u>
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GRANT TOTAL (Article 2)	2460723.95
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ARTICLE 3. VOTED (by majority vote) AS AMENDED that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$792.69 to pay for medical expenses incurred by a police officer during training at the State Police Academy.

ARTICLE 4. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,200.00 for the purchase of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus for the Fire Department.

ARTICLE 5. VOTED TO PASS OVER that the Town reconsider its vote of May 1, 1989 to pay medical expenses of Marvin Holloway incurred over and above the limits of insurance coverage provided by the Town.

ARTICLE 6. VOTED TO PASS OVER that the Town reconsider its vote of May 1, 1989 to provide for a new copier for the Town Hall offices.

ARTICLE 7. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to provide for preservation of the Town Clerk's Vital Statistics and early Town records.

ARTICLE 8. VOTED TO PASS OVER that the town reconsider its vote of May 1, 1989 to provide an audit of the Town's finances for Fiscal Year 1989.

ARTICLE 9. VOTED TO PASS OVER that the Town reconsider its vote of May 1, 1989 for the purchase of a new dump body for the Highway Department's 1979 Mack truck.

ARTICLE 10. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY that the Town rescind its vote of May 1, 1989 for the purchase of a new hydraulic sander, mounted, with pump and hydraulics for the Highway Department.

ARTICLE 11. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY that the Town rescind its vote for the paving of the section of Beers Plain Road from Maple Street to New Plain Road.

ARTICLE 12. VOTED TO PASS OVER that the Town reconsider its vote of May 1, 1989 to continue reconstruction of Birnam Road from Glenwood Ave. to North Lane.

ARTICLE 13. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY AND PASSED OVER that the Town reconsider its vote of May 1, 1989 for the Town's share of Chapter 90-type reconstruction on South Mountain Road.

ARTICLE 14. VOTED TO PASS OVER that the Town reconsider its vote of May 1, 1989 for the Town's share of salary and expenses of a Shared Health Agent.

ARTICLE 15. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY that the Town reconsider its vote of May 1, 1989 and to authorize the Northfield Board of Health to appoint any and all of its members as septic system inspectors at a per inspection fee of \$25.00 in accord with Chapter 41, Section 4A, Mass. Gen. Laws, and to provide \$1,300.00 for said purpose.

ARTICLE 16. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY that the Town reconsider its vote of May 1, 1989 and to authorize the Board of Health to employ a Secretary/Clerk and to provide \$700.00 for the salary of same.

ARTICLE 17. VOTED TO PASS OVER that the Town reconsider its vote of May 1, 1989 for Northfield's allocated share of the initial budget of the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District.

ARTICLE 18. VOTED (by majority vote) TO PASS OVER that the Town reconsider its vote of May 1, 1989 for Northfield's share of participating with other Franklin County towns in the County Household Hazardous Waste Collection.

ARTICLE 19. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY that the Town reconsider its vote of May 1, 1989 (of \$50,000) and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000.00 for the evaluation and repairs to the Elementary School north building.

ARTICLE 20. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY that the Town reconsider its vote of May 1, 1989 (for \$10,000.00) and raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 to be expended under the direction of the Elementary School Building Committee for the employment of a consulting architect, procurement and preparation of plans, and estimates of costs and other related expenses for renovations and/or repairs to the Elementary School; said plans to be presented to the Town no later than February 1, 1990.

ARTICLE 21. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY that the Town reconsider and rescind its vote to provide monies from the Northfield Nine-Town Community Development Block Grant Program Income Fund for expenses associated with the Massachusetts Agricultural Preservation Restriction Program, and to be expended under the direction of the Conservation Commission.

ARTICLE 22. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO PASS OVER that the Town reconsider its vote to authorize the Conservation Commission, with the approval of the Selectmen, to employ a Secretary/Clerk, and a salary for same.

ARTICLE 23. VOTED (by majority vote) that the Town reconsider its vote of May 1, 1989 to print the Valuation and Taxes booklet every six years after completion of the Town revaluation, beginning with the year 1989, and to provide monies for said purposes.

ARTICLE 24. VOTED (by majority vote) TO PASS OVER that the Town reconsider its vote of May 1, 1989 to instruct the Assessors to use monies from available funds to reduce the tax levy for Fiscal Year 1990.

ARTICLE 25. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY that the Town reconsider its vote of May 1, 1989 (to provide \$200.00 for this) and to instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee to investigate whether or not the Town should employ a Town Manager to work under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, the Committee to consist of one member from the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and Planning Board, and four other residents of the Town; said Committee to complete its study by November 1, 1989 and present its findings and recommendations to the Town meeting next following that date, which Town meeting shall be preceded by a public hearing called by the Committee not less than two weeks nor more than six weeks prior to the said Town meeting. It was voted to have this Committee, but to provide no funds.

ARTICLE 26. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY that the Town reconsider its vote of May 1, 1989 (to provide \$1,750.00) and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$750.00 for the purchase of communication pagers for use by the Police Department and E.M.T.'s.

ARTICLE 27. VOTED (on amended article) UNANIMOUSLY that the Town will provide a meeting hall to replace the facilities and functions now under the direction of the Alexander Hall Committee located presently in the so-called north building of the Northfield Elementary School and called Alexander Hall. Such use to be continuous or until other arrangements are mutually agreed upon by the Alexander Hall Committee and the Town. This provision is to fulfill the purposes of the Will of Adeline Alexander, as accepted by the Town under Article 24 of the Annual Town Meeting of 1905. In addition, that the Town will provide the traditional \$340.00 (see Article 2) to the Alexander Hall Committee, in recognition of Mrs. Alexander's legacy to provide meeting space to the inhabitants of Northfield. The giving of Alexander Hall to the School Committee by the Alexander Hall Committee is contingent upon a yes vote on this amended article.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary C. Taerner
TOWN CLERK

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
October 4, 1989

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Moderator, Edwin LaMontagne. Thirty-four voters were in attendance.

ARTICLE 1. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY that the Town waive the reading of the Warrant and act on the motions of the following articles.

ARTICLE 2. PASSED OVER

ARTICLE 3. PASSED OVER

ARTICLE 4. PASSED OVER

ARTICLE 5. PASSED OVER

ARTICLE 6. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00 for the purpose of leasing or purchasing a new copier for the Town Hall offices.

ARTICLE 7. PASSED OVER

ARTICLE 8. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY that the Town rescind Article 8 of the reconvened Special Town Meeting on July 24, 1989 to provide for an audit of the Town's finances for Fiscal Year 1989.

ARTICLE 9. PASSED OVER

ARTICLE 10. PASSED OVER

ARTICLE 11. PASSED OVER

ARTICLE 12. PASSED OVER

ARTICLE 13. PASSED OVER

ARTICLE 14. PASSED OVER

ARTICLE 15. PASSED OVER

ARTICLE 16. PASSED OVER

ARTICLE 17. PASSED OVER

ARTICLE 18. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for anticipated additional legal fees for Fiscal Year 1990.

ARTICLE 19. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,894.23 to pay bills of a prior year, said bills listed under Article 19 of the Special Town Meeting Warrant of October 4, 1989 and listed as follows:

Copier Expense	\$ 420.38
Tax Collector Expense	18.80
Town Clerk Expense	64.25
Elections and Registration	659.08
Legal Expense	2,488.75
Board of Appeals Expense	18.90
Town Hall Expense	478.99
Fire Dept.	432.07
Asst. Building Inspector	20.00
Dog Officer Expense	68.42
Board of Health	341.60
Nurse	35.72
Waste Disposal	1,623.70
Memorial Day	60.00
Recreation Comm.	<u>163.57</u>

Total Article 19 \$ 6,894.23

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary C. Taerner
TOWN CLERK

FISH and GAME LICENSES ISSUED in 1989

Resident Citizen Fishing	38
Resident Citizen Minor Fishing	2
Resident Citizen Fishing, Age 65-69	3
Resident Citizen Fishing (Blind, etc.)	1
Resident Alien Fishing	0
Non Resident Citizen Alien Fishing	25
Non Resident Citizen Alien Fishing (7 days)	0
Resident Citizen Trapping	1
Resident Citizen Hunting	21
Resident Citizen Hunting (Age 65-69)	0
Resident Citizen Hunting, Paraplegic	0
Resident Alien Hunting	0
Non Resident Citizen/Alien Hunting Big Game	7
Non Resident Citizen/Alien Hunting Small Game	4
Non Resident Citizen/Alien Commercial Shooting Preserve, 3-day	0
Resident Citizen Sporting	28
Resident Citizen Sporting (Age 65-69)	8
Resident Citizen Sporting, (Over 70)	17
Archery/Primitive Firearms Stamps	12
Waterfowl Stamps	10

DOG LICENSES - 1989

Male Dogs	95
Female Dogs	11
Spayed Female	97
Kennel (\$10)	10
Kennel (\$25)	1
Kennel (\$50)	3

BOARD OF ASSESSORS REPORT
Year Ending December 31, 1989

RECAPITULATION

Town Appropriations:

1) To be raised by Taxation	\$2,536,408.23	
2) To be raised from Available Funds	<u>89,620.14</u>	\$2,626,028.37
Education Offset Items	26,358.00	
Veterans District Services	4,696.68	
County Retirement Services	46,889.00	
Snow Removal	<u>4,171.65</u>	82,115.33

State and County Charges 26,665.00

Overlay of Current Year 35,000.07

Gross Amount to be Raised \$2,769,808.77

Estimated Receipts and Available Funds

Cherry Sheet Receipts	398,579.00	
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise	160,050.00	
Licenses	3,000.00	
Fines	11,800.00	
General Government	23,600.00	
Health and Sanitation	37,000.00	
Interest Income	30,000.00	
Public Service Enterprises (Sewer)	53,150.00	
In Lieu of Tax Payments	1,400.00	
Rentals	500.00	
Schools	144.00	
Chapter 61 Forest Land	<u>2,500.00</u>	721,723.00

Available Funds and Free Cash 89,620.14

Free Cash to Reduce Tax Rate 105,000.00

Total Available Funds & Estimated Receipts \$916,343.14

Total Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation on Property \$1,853,465.63

Fiscal Year 1990 Tax Rate: \$12.50 per thousand valuation

Total Personal Property	\$21,231,740.00	265,396.75
Total Real Estate	<u>127,045,510.00</u>	<u>1,588,068.88</u>
Total P/P and R/E	\$148,277,250.00	\$1,853,465.63

Approximately each \$148,300 appropriated at the Annual Town Meeting represents \$1.00 on the Tax Rate.

Computation of Tax Rate:

School Tax Rate	67.46%	\$ 8.43 per thousand
General Tax Rate	<u>32.54%</u>	<u>4.07 per thousand</u>
Total Tax Rate	100.00%	\$12.50 per thousand

Abatements Issued During the Year 1989

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>FY90</u>
Levy of Motor Vehicles	\$1,296.21	\$5,062.79	
Real & Personal Property	17.07	2,254.15	\$3,048.01
Elderly Exemptions		13,937.81	14,475.88
Veterans' Exemptions		3,850.00	3,150.00
Blind Exemptions			437.50
Elderly Deferral		984.75	1,070.38
Number of Motor Vehicles Taxes		2,909	
Total Excise on Motor Vehicles		\$143,259.04	
Total Valuation of Motor Vehicles		\$6,719,125.00	

Motor Vehicles Incomplete - Compiled to December 31, 1989

We, the Board of Assessors, express our appreciation to all citizens and town officials for their cooperation and the courtesy extended to the Board during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice B. Lord, Chairman
Warren E. Whitney, Clerk
James E. Dresser, Jr.

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR
Fiscal Year 1989

TAXES for 1979

Motor Vehicle Excise Committed after 6/30/88		4.75
Paid to Treasurer	<u>4.75</u>	<u>4.75</u>

TAXES for 1980

Motor Vehicle Excise Committed after 6/30/88		23.10
Paid to Treasurer	<u>23.10</u>	<u>23.10</u>

TAXES for 1982

Motor Vehicle Excise Committed after 6/30/88		13.75
Paid to Treasurer	<u>13.75</u>	<u>13.75</u>

TAXES for 1985

Motor Vehicle Excise Outstanding 6/30/88		90.65
Outstanding 6/30/89	90.65	<u>90.65</u>

TAXES for 1986

Motor Vehicle Excise Outstanding 6/30/88		750.44
Paid to Treasurer	25.73	
Outstanding 6/30/89	<u>724.71</u>	<u>750.44</u>

TAXES for 1987

Motor Vehicle Excise Outstanding 6/30/88		4713.06
Committed after 6/30/88		9380.06
Refunds		<u>122.27</u>
Abatelements	4224.46	
Paid to Treasurer	7768.73	
Outstanding 6/30/89	<u>2222.20</u>	<u>14215.39</u>

TAXES for 1988

Motor Vehicle Excise Outstanding 6/30/88		32226.97
Committed after 6/30/88		37782.10
Refunds		<u>1176.10</u>
Abatelements	2915.78	
Paid to Treasurer	64544.18	
Outstanding 6/30/89	<u>3725.21</u>	<u>71185.17</u>

Farm Animal & Machinery Excise Levy		2912.00
Paid to Treasurer	<u>2912.00</u>	<u>2912.00</u>

TAXES for 1989

Motor Vehicle Excise Levy		99493.07
Refunds		<u>1038.40</u>
Abatelements	2756.36	
Paid to Treasurer	85631.81	
Outstanding 6/30/89	<u>12143.30</u>	<u>100531.47</u>

TAXES for Fiscal Year 1987

Real Estate Outstanding 6/30/88		1017.59
Paid to Treasurer	<u>1017.59</u>	<u>1017.59</u>

TAXES for Fiscal Year 1988

Personal Property Outstanding 6/30/88		729.19
Paid to Treasurer	712.11	
Outstanding 6/30/89	<u>17.08</u>	<u>729.19</u>

Real Estate Outstanding 6/30/88		25939.21
Paid to Treasurer	24343.61	
Outstanding 6/30/89	<u>1595.60</u>	
	25939.21	<u>25939.21</u>

TAXES for Fiscal Year 1989

Personal Property Levy		248093.63
Refunds		40.60
Abatements	134.55	
Paid to Treasurer	247634.36	
Outstanding 6/30/89	<u>365.32</u>	
	248134.23	<u>248134.23</u>

Real Estate Levy		1403119.85
Refunds		4234.95
Tax Title Added	455.87	
Abatements	22604.87	
Paid to Treasurer	1346283.75	
Outstanding 6/30/89	<u>38010.31</u>	
	1407354.80	<u>1407354.80</u>

SEWER CHARGES

1987 Fiscal Year Use Charges Outstanding 6/30/88		973.60
Paid to Treasurer	698.43	
Added to FY 1989 Real Estate	164.12	
Abatements	<u>111.05</u>	
973.60	973.60	

Fiscal Year 1988 Outstanding 6/30/88		51095.00
Abatements	550.00	
Paid to Treasurer	50215.00	
Outstanding 6/30/89	<u>330.00</u>	
	51095.00	<u>51095.00</u>

Sewer Entrance Fee Outstanding 6/30/88		2150.00
Committed after 6/30/88		4150.00
Paid to Treasurer	2300.00	
Outstanding 6/30/89	<u>2000.00</u>	
	6300.00	<u>6300.00</u>

Fiscal Year 1989 Use Charges Committed		54001.06
Paid to Treasurer	605.00	
Outstanding 6/30/89	<u>53396.06</u>	
	54001.06	<u>54001.06</u>

Sewer Entrance Fee		150.00
Paid to Treasurer	<u>150.00</u>	
	150.00	<u>150.00</u>

Treatment Plant Fees Outstanding 6/30/88		809.12
Fees Billed		3404.00
Paid to Treasurer	2904.61	
Outstanding 6/30/89	<u>1308.51</u>	
	4213.12	<u>4213.12</u>

CHARGES added to real estate taxes
 1987 Use Charges Outstanding 6/30/88
 Committed Interest
 Paid to Treasurer
 Outstanding 6/30/89

164.12
 22.64
 53.69
133.07
 186.76 186.76

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Brassor
 TAX COLLECTOR

TREASURER'S REPORT
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1989

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Balance 7/1/88		603,918.84
Receipts for the year		<u>3,808,550.90</u>
		4,412,469.74
Payments per warrants		<u>3,762,562.70</u>
Balance 6/30/89		649,907.04

STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST

Balance per statement 6/30/89	1,624.02	
Balance per checkbook		1,624.02

BAYBANK FIRST

Balance per statement 6/30/89	106,629.94	
Deposits in transit		<u>44,452.50</u>
		151,172.44
Outstanding checks		<u>115,508.00</u>
Balance per checkbook		35,664.44

GENERAL ACCOUNT INVESTMENT

Mass. Munic. Dep. Trust	358,324.48	
State Street Bank & Trust		<u>254,294.10</u>
		612,618.58
		649,907.04

INTEREST EARNED-GENERAL

Mass. Munic. Dept. Trust	15,240.31	
Shawmut Bank		1,611.18
BayBank First		4,341.42
State Street Bank		<u>4,283.10</u>
		25,476.01

HIGHWAY FUND (CHAF. 637)

Balance 7/1/88	12,126.50	
Receipts for the year		3,400.06
Interest earned		<u>615.57</u>
		16,142.13
Payments per warrants		<u>15,243.48</u>

Balance 6/30/89		898.65
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HIGHWAY FUND INVESTMENT

Mass. Munic. Dep. Trust		898.65
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FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING ACCOUNT

Shawmut Balance per statement 6/30/88	2.37	
Balance per checkbook		2.37

EOCD REHAB. PROGRAM FUND

Balance per statement 7/1/88	81,935.28
Receipts for the year	24,898.35
Interest earned	<u>7,898.50</u>

Balance	114,732.13
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EOCD REHAB. PROGRAM INVESTMENT

Mass. Munic. Dep. Trust	114,732.13
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STABILIZATION FUND

Balance per statement 7/1/88	127,720.56
Interest earned	<u>8,060.17</u>
	135,780.73

Payments per warrant	<u>70,000.00</u>
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Balance 6/30/89	65,780.73
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STABILIZATION FUND INVESTMENT

Mass. Munic. Dep. Trust	65,780.73
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ARTS COUNCIL

Balance per statement	254.50
Receipts for the year	1,910.00
Interest earned	<u>77.55</u>
	2,242.05

Payments per warrants	<u>1,010.00</u>
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Balance 6/30/89	1,232.05
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GREENFIELD COOPERATIVE BANK

Bankbook balance	1,232.05
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BOATING ENFORCEMENT

Receipts for the year	3,000.00
Interest earned	<u>5.42</u>

Balance 6/30/89	3,005.42
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GREENFIELD COOPERATIVE BANK

Bankbook balance	3,005.42
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RECREATION COMMISSION

Balance per statement 7/1/88	2,407.96
Receipts for year	6,671.71
Interest earned	<u>153.59</u>
	9,233.26

Payments per warrants	<u>6,895.54</u>
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Balance per checkbook 6/30/89	2,337.72
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GREENFIELD COOPERATIVE BANK

Balance per statement 7/1/88	2,707.72
Outstanding checks	<u>370.00</u>
Balance per checkbook	2,337.72

PAYROLL

Total payroll for Fiscal Year 1989	892,892.96
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Deductions

Federal Withholding Taxes	96,140.81
Mass. Withholding Taxes	38,751.19
Franklin County Retirement	27,548.43
Mass. Teachers' Retirement	23,844.51
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	19,781.37
Boston Mutual Life Insurance	369.08
Teachers' Association Dues	3,405.50
Federal Credit Union	30,656.00
Teachers' Annuities	8,696.72
Medicare Tax	<u>5,788.42</u>
	254,982.03
Net Payroll	<u>637,910.93</u>

TRUST FUNDS

<u>LIBRARY</u>	Balance 6/30/88	Int. Added	Int.to Treas.	Dep.	With- Drawal	Balance 6/30/89
C.Ina Merriman	1861.32	105.14				1966.46
Belcher Funds	9739.01		768.53			9739.01
Charles Dickinson	3000.00		236.78			3000.00
Maude Montague	2009.60		158.63			2009.60
Marina Stanley	600.00		49.82			600.00
Richard G.Holtn	500.00		41.49			500.00
Nfld.Chap.DAR	100.00		8.30			100.00
Ethel Jackso	1301.77	73.56				1375.33
Paul Bowman	80706.26	6255.82			7765.19	79196.89

CHARITY

Starkweather	25414.23	1569.23				26983.46
George Morgan	9740.54	601.48				10342.02
Elisha Alexander	7814.98	482.58				8297.56
Lottie Evans	4435.37	273.91				4709.28
Roselle Evans	1790.76	110.62				1901.38

SCHOOL

Belcher Ctr.Sch.	2000.00		121.06			2000.00
Surplus Rev.Fund	1600.00		96.64			1600.00

PRESERVATION HISTORICAL MARKERS

Willis Parker Mem. 1096.74 61.97

1158.71

BEAUTIFY MAIN STREET

Ethel Jackson 1060.57 59.95

1120.52

MARTHA ALEXANDER

Heritage/NLS	17811.29	1339.78	17811.29
Gfld.Savings Bk.	24991.29	1991.08	26982.37
Gfld.Coop.Bank	3050.85	126.59	1339.78 1650.00 2867.22

CEMETERIES

Center Cem.P.C.	30062.20	2224.98	30062.20
W.Nfld.Cem.P.C.	16480.90		
Lombard	100.00	1231.29	16580.90
Pentecost Cem.P.C.	300.00		
Schouler	100.00		400.00
Mt.Hermon Cem.P.C.	6610.25	492.28	6610.25
N.Farms Cem.P.C.	8524.17		
Comins	100.00	637.39	8624.17
So.Mtn.Cem.P.C.	157.25	9.55	157.25

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Brassor
TREASURER

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Jane Lyle-Jaworski, Chairperson	Term expires 1991
Mrs. Linda Leavis	Term expires 1990
Mrs. Patricia Shearer	Term expires 1992
Mr. Michael Tatistcheff	Term expires 1991
Mrs. Barbara Kibler (Appointed)	Term expires 1990
Mrs. Ann James, Secretary to the Committee	

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Kevin J. Courtney

University of Massachusetts - BA English Literature

Fitchburg State College- MED Education/Special Education

University of Massachusetts - EdD Candidate

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Mary E. McEneaney

Iona College, New Rochelle, NY - BA Economics, BA - Religious Studies

ADMINISTRATIVE BOOKKEEPER

Eleanor E. Rafuse

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

Debby Lincoln-Baldwin

CENTRAL OFFICE HOURS

School Days - 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Vacation Days- 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

PRINCIPAL

Joan Benneyan, MEd

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Carl Perkins, M.D.

SCHOOL NURSE

Pollyana B. Davis, R.N.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

School Open August 30, 1989	School Close November 22, 1989
School Open November 27, 1989	School Close December 22, 1989
School Open January 2, 1990	School Close February 16, 1990
School Open February 26, 1990	School Close April 13, 1990
School Open April 23, 1990	*School Close June 14, 1990

*Subject to State Requirements

NORTHFIELD ENROLLMENT REPORT
October 1989

	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Elementary:</u>				
	Pre-K	8	5	13
	K	15	15	30
	1	16	16	32
	2	11	22	33
	3	23	13	36
	4	16	18	34
	5	17	18	35
	6	12	19	31
				244
<u>Pioneer Valley Regional:</u>				
	7	12	14	26
	8	13	22	35
	9	9	15	24
	10	12	7	19
	11	11	14	25
	12	15	6	21
				150
<u>Private:</u>				
	Full Circle School:			12
	Northfield Mount Hermon			29
	North New Salem Christian School			1
	Franklin County Technical School			12
				54

NORTHFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT
1989 - 1990

	<u>Approp.</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Approp.</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
	<u>1988-1989</u>	<u>7/01/88</u> <u>6/30/89</u>	<u>1989/1990</u>	<u>7/01/89</u> <u>12/31/89</u>	<u>1990/1991</u>
1000 Admin.	35681.	35529.04	35213.	17590.60	37552.
2000 Instr.	419971.	433893.40	501893.	174202.80	562731.
3000 Oth.Serv.	89522.	89231.37	95383.	39271.25	105289.
4000 Op/Maint.	81498.	101973.08	72283.	38345.58	72860.
5000 Fixed Ch.	10558.	11367.58	13903.	3104.14	15128.
7000 Acq.Equip	1800.	4356.94	-0-	-0-	5400.
9000 Prog.w/other					
Schools	43749.	5696.38	11200.	580.00	5700.
Totals	<u>682779.</u>	<u>682047.79</u>	<u>729875.</u>	<u>273094.37</u>	<u>804660.</u>

NET COST OF EDUCATION
1988/89 (K-12 Includes Voc./Tech.)

Disbursements - Elementary School		\$682047.79
Reimbursements:		
School Aid, Ch 70	\$246259.	
Transportation	25728.	
Tuition	<u>1000.</u>	
		<u>272987.00</u>
Net Cost		\$409060.79
Assessments:		
Pioneer Valley Reg. School (45.98%)		564456.00
Franklin County Voc./Tech.School		<u>74937.00</u>
Total Net Cost to School		<u>\$1048453.79</u>

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM - 1989

Opening Cash Balance - January 1, 1989		798.05
Receipts	24916.80	
Transfer from Contingency Account	<u>500.00</u>	
	25416.80	
Disbursements	<u>27981.34</u>	
Closing Cash Balance - December 31, 1989		\$-1766.49

Report of the
NORTHFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The five-member Northfield Elementary School Committee continued to share assignments with the Pioneer Valley Regional School District and School Union #18 membership by serving on joint committees and through their support of shared educational programs and staff specialists.

This year saw many changes in our staffing. With the resignation of Laura DiBari, who we regretted losing, we hired Abigail Salamin to finish out the school year. Lisa Briere was also a long term substitute last spring and Paul Sather filled in for Deborah Black who was working in the Danforth Scholar program at U. Mass. We saw many new faces as aides in our school (special education aides and instructional aides), Jennifer Billiel, Penny Prunty, Emilie Kuenzel, Debra Jurek, Debra Adamski, Mary Bukowski, and Natalie Nalepinski, who without their talents our classrooms would not operate as efficiently. This fall we hired Mary Ellen Reed as our pre-school teacher and Elizabeth Lemire as a Grade 1 teacher. Tracy Greene was hired as Lois Murphy's replacement as Lois took a leave to try her hand at working with high school students at PVRs. We also have a new art teacher, Barbara Milot, a new music teacher, Cynthia Rose, and a new school psychologist, Peter Martin.

We reluctantly accepted Suzanne Thompson's resignation as music teacher and after seventeen years of dedicated service to Northfield Elementary School Mary Anne Ladd retired. In December Swen Nelson was granted a leave of absence to teach in another district.

Our total student enrollment went from 239 in October 1988 to 245 in October 1989, a smaller growth than years in the recent past.

The Committee continued its support of enrichment programs and activities for the students. The children were able to attend plays, puppet theater and concerts. We provided several musical entertainers that focused on multi-cultural themes. There were field trips taken to Old Deerfield and the Worcester Science Museum. Sarah Pirtle came and did a wonderful program of conflict resolution with the children. There was also a student production of Alice in Wonderland that was made possible by the help of the Northfield Mount Hermon School Theater Department.

The Early Childhood program continues to be successful in getting grant monies despite state cutbacks. Those monies support our very successful pre-school program and help pay for the invaluable services of our early childhood coordinator, Barbara Aiken, who works throughout the district.

Our second School Building Committee was organized and they began the difficult task of rethinking the school's needs and finding a plan to meet them. It is ably chaired by Bill Roberts.

We, as a respective body, seek and appreciate the support, input, and active participation of community members as we work together to continue our long-established commitment to provide quality education that will enable the children of Northfield to become productive and happy citizens. It is our pleasure to have the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Lyle-Jaworski, Chairperson
Michele Lawler
Linda Leavis
Patricia Shearer
Michael Tatistcheff
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
1989
SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mr. Russell Mellor (Chairperson)	Bernardston
Mr. Norman Dates, Jr. (Vice Chairperson)	Leyden
Mrs. Sharon Fontaine	Leyden
Mr. Alan Genovese	Warwick
Mr. Raymond Harris	Northfield
Ms. Rita Klaus	Leyden
Mrs. Denise LaPlante	Warwick
Mrs. Mary Llewelyn	Northfield
Mrs. Ellen Pelletier	Bernardston
Mrs. Patricia Shearer	Northfield
Mrs. Susan Slocum	Bernardston
Mrs. Helen Whipple	Warwick

To the School Committee and Citizens of Northfield:

It is a pleasure to submit my second annual report as Superintendent of the Union #18/Pioneer Valley Regional School District. The Northfield Elementary School opened in September, 1989 with an enrollment of 245 students, an increase of 3 over the September, 1988 enrollment. This increase continues our pattern of slow steady growth and is consistent with the revised population projections of the new building committee. The report of the Northfield Elementary School Committee focuses on specific activities and personnel changes at the school. Therefore, rather than repeat that information, I would like to state that, despite the lack of appropriate educational space, the staff, under the direction of Principal Joan Benneyan, is doing its usual outstanding job. The Northfield community can feel justifiably proud of the education that is provided at the Northfield Elementary School.

Throughout the District, the two issues that dominated headlines last year are doing so again this year. Buildings and budgets continue to be of primary importance in all four towns. There is still a formal Building Committee in each town studying the space needs of its elementary school. The committees in Leyden and in Bernardston have essentially the same membership as last year. Those in Northfield and Warwick are new, having been formed following the defeat of the previous committees' proposals at Town Meetings last winter and fall. An update of each committee's activities:

Bernardston

The only school in the District to experience a decline in enrollment. Nonetheless, the building is in need of significant update and repair work. The Building Committee is examining and prioritizing those projects while working with the town on an energy grant that could provide funds for increasing the building's energy efficiency.

Leyden

Faced with such difficult tasks as finding suitable land on which to build a new facility or funds to move Brattleboro Road - both prerequisites to state assistance - the Building Committee is proceeding with plans to upgrade and possibly add on to the existing facility. The first priority is to improve the septic system and well. In the meantime enrollment continues to increase and it appears that one class - probably the Kindergarten - will have to be located outside of the school during 1990/91.

Northfield

The new Building Committee has developed a 3.1 million dollar addition/renovation proposal that will be presented to the Town at a February 1, 1990 Special Town Meeting. The proposal will renovate some of the existing space in the North and Center buildings and add five new classrooms, a gym, a cafeteria, a kitchen and an office/health room. Also during the past year the town appropriated money to repair the "all purpose" room in the North building. That space will be converted to two classrooms this June (1990) for use beginning in 1990/91.

Warwick

The Building Committee that was formed after the town rescinded its vote for a new school last October has been divided into two subcommittees, one long range and one short range. The long range group's mission is to devise a facilities plan that will meet the needs of Warwick's elementary aged children for the next thirty years or so. The short range committee is addressing the issue of the building maintenance and repair that is needed immediately. Both groups are coordinating their efforts in order to avoid duplication and wasted effort. Reports are planned for the annual Town Meeting this April, with some of the more critical projects expected to be completed this summer.

Pioneer

Although Pioneer has no formal Building Committee, I am pleased to report that the three major "bond issue" projects - roof repair, heating pipe replacement and playing field reconstruction - were completed this fall. It has taken longer than expected (what doesn't?), but it has been worth the wait. The towns' support of the "bond issue" three years ago is appreciated even more now. That foresight has allowed Pioneer to enter the 90's with its facilities in relatively good shape.

Budgets. School financing has become an even more difficult issue than constructing and renovating buildings. Last year's budget process was a nightmare for all concerned. The string of successful town meetings followed by unsuccessful override votes dragged on through the summer. Warwick was the last of the four towns to set its Fiscal 90 budget, in October, nearly four months into the new fiscal

year! Like other departments, the schools were ultimately forced to reduce their budgets, in some cases two or three times. I wish that I could state that things will be different this year, but unfortunately that does not appear to be the case. School committees constantly struggle to strike a balance between what they feel is in the best interests of their students and what the towns can afford. With so many of the costs beyond their control - insurance, special education, transportation, etc. - the only way to significantly reduce budgets is to reduce staff. That is something that school committees are understandably reluctant to do. The struggle will continue as long as our primary funding source is property taxes.

Although buildings and budgets garner the bulk of the publicity, what occurs in our classrooms on a daily basis, is, in the long run, far more important. And, thankfully, we are far more successful there than we are in the other two areas. Our students continue to do well on standardized measures of achievement such as the Massachusetts Educational Assessment tests and the Student Achievement Tests (SAT's) while benefitting from the District's emphasis on developmentally appropriate practices (K - 6) and heterogeneous grouping (7 - 12).

Just as any successful business does, we place a high priority on staff development. Each school has in place an extensive in-service staff development plan tailored to its individual needs. There are also several district-wide committees working on coordinated approaches to various topics. Included are:

Superintendent's Advisory Committee (Union #18)

A group of teachers from each elementary school who meet regularly with the Superintendent to provide input into a wide range of issues. It also serves as the planning committee for the Union #18 grade level in-service activities.

Middle School Steering Committee

A committee consisting of teachers from grades 5 - 8 and the Superintendent. Its task is to design in-service programs that enhance cooperation and coordination among all teachers of grades 5 - 8 in the four elementary schools and Pioneer.

Health Council (K - 12)

A committee of teachers from all five schools and representatives from outside agencies who act as an advisory board for Health Grants. It also reviews existing curriculum in Health and related areas and makes recommendations for change.

Achievement Test Committee (K - 12)

A committee of teachers from our five schools that is examining the district's achievement test policy. Its charge is to recommend an instrument and a procedure for achievement testing for students in

grades K through 12. A recommendation is expected for the April 4, 1990 Union #18/P.V. School Committee meeting.

Science Project (K - 8)

A group of "Science enthusiasts", one from each school, that is focusing on the development of a coordinated Science Curriculum for grades K - 8.

Regionalization

A subcommittee of the Pioneer school committee that is exploring the feasibility of forming a regionalized school district for grades K - 12. In addition to the two Pioneer school committee members this subcommittee consists of a representative from each of the elementary school committees and a Selectperson from each town. The goal is to have a recommendation ready for the spring, 1991 town meetings.

Despite the problems caused by buildings and budgets our schools are doing a fine job. Most of the credit goes to our excellent staff, but even they would not be as successful as they are without the support and assistance they receive from school committees, parents and other community members. The benefits of that collaboration are obvious and much appreciated. They are also critical to our success in the coming years. There is no question that we face difficult times, but it is also clear that, as long as we maintain the close, supportive relationship with the communities that we have enjoyed to date, we will continue to provide the kind of first rate educational services that our young people deserve and that you expect.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin J. Courtney,
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL 1989

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Pioneer Valley Regional School District Committee:

I herewith submit my 9th annual report as Principal of Pioneer Valley Regional School.

New Personnel

Paul Sather was hired in September to fill the part-time Science position vacated by the resignation of Robert Duggan. Lois Murphy came to us from Northfield Elementary to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Christine Johnson. These two staff members will enable us to continue a high caliber of services to our students.

Retirees

Linwood Wallace, who came to Pioneer in 1958, has announced his intention to retire at the end of the '89-'90 school year. He has served Pioneer in a most exemplary manner over the past 30 years and will be greatly missed.

Grants

Pioneer continues to benefit from grant allocations generated through the efforts of faculty and administration. However, decreases in federal and state funds has resulted in less monies available to Pioneer and other schools dramatically. From FY'88 to FY'89 the decrease was from \$95,150 to \$42,892.

	<u>FY'88</u>	<u>FY'89</u>
1. <u>PL 94 142</u> Adjustment Counselor	14,664	12,915
2. <u>PL 89 313</u> Special Needs Services	3,200	650
3. <u>Block Grant/Chapter 2</u> Equipment Needs	4,876	4,352
4. <u>Chapter One (Title one)</u> Remedial Assistance in Math & Reading	19,614	16,812
5. <u>Commonwealth In-Service Institute</u> Healthy Teens (2,983) Special Education (2,205)	1,648	5,188
6. <u>Gifted and Talented</u>	3,570	0

7. <u>Occ. Ed</u>	3,340	0
8. <u>Horace Mann (Ch 188)</u>	5,455	554
9. <u>Educational Technology</u>	33,425	1,500
10. <u>School Improvement Council</u>	<u>5,358</u>	<u>860</u>
	95,150	42,892

Class of 1989 Special Awards

Valedictorian Award - Katherine Giles
 Salutatorian Award - Bethany Fowler
 Lucy Wilder Memorial Humanitarian Award - William Shepard
 Sarah Finch Scholarship of the Good Neighbors Organization -
 Michelle Snow
 Lois Humphrey Memorial Award - Joy Nelson
 Bernardston Police Association Scholarship - Lori Laraway
 Pioneer Spirit Award - Mark Lyons
 Bernardston Community Club Scholarship - Stephanie Jones
 Theodore Cronyn Award - Kellie Young
 Leonard C. Eastman Scholarship - Aimee Petrin
 Northfield Fortnightly Scholarship - Rebecca Field, Bethany Fowler
 Greenfield Co-operative Bank Scholarship - Jenny Joslin
 Cushman Memorial and Morgan Fund Scholarship - Stephanie Jones
 Tyler Family Memorial Award - Katherine Giles
 Leonard D. Raymond Memorial Scholarship - Lori Laraway
 Jefferson P. Davis Memorial Athletic Scholarship - Rebecca Field,
 George Hnath
 Evelyn M. Grover Memorial Award - Margaret Browning, Aimee Petrin
 Evelyn G. Lawley Award - Jennifer Heinrich
 Anita L. Pike Memorial Scholarship - Karen Crist
 Alice, Eric and Oscar Anderson Memorial Scholarship - Kristen Cooke,
 Karen Crist, Joseph Farley, Jenny Joslin, Gary Lochhead,
 Tracey McQuay, Charles Whipple, Christine Whipple
 Leyden Lions' Club Scholarship - Tina Gaines, Mary Lyons
 Emily C. Jenness Award - Character - Kellie Young, English - Kellie
 Young
 Northfield Fire Department, Floyd M. Dunnell, Jr. Memorial Scholarship
 - Joy Nelson, Melonee Sibley
 Bernardston Veteran's Organization Scholarship - Jessica Corriveau
 Bernardston Kiwanis Club Scholarship - Stephanie Jones, Kellie Young
 Northfield Kiwanis Club F. Sumner Turner Memorial Scholarship -
 Katherine Giles, William Shepard
 Ladies Auxiliary of the Montague Elks - Charles Whipple
 First Universal Church Scholarship - Bethany Fowler
 Leyden PTO Scholarship - Tina Gaines, Mark Lyons

Northfield Lioness' Club Scholarship - Melonee Sibley
 Gordon W. Leavis Memorial Scholarship - William Shepard
 Bernardston Men's Club Scholarship - Jessica Corriveau, Stephanie Jones, Kellie Young
 Ethel F. Jackson Memorial Scholarship - Rebecca Field, Bethany Fowler, Katherine Giles
 PVRs National Honor Society Scholarship - Jennifer Heinrich
 John A. Hogan Memorial Scholarship of the Pioneer Valley Union Education Association - George Hnath
 PVRs Student Council Scholarship - Jenny Joslin, William Shepard
 Heritage-NIS Bank for Savings Trustees' Scholarship - Kellie Young
 George A. Warner Award - Jessica Corriveau
 George A. Warner Scholarship - Stephanie Jones
 Northfield Grange Scholarship - Bethany Fowler, Katherine Giles
 Alfred Orlens Citizenship Award - Tina Gaines
 Isaac B. Snow Award - Aimee Petrin, Kellie Young
 Gerald Swinerton Memorial Scholarship - Julie Swinerton
 Ladies Auxiliary of Foreign Wars Scholarship - Melonee Sibley
 Thaddeus M. Ostrowski Memorial Award - Kellie Young
 Pioneer Valley Regional School Scholarship - Karen Crist, Melonee Sibley, Joseph Farley, Maria Slocum, George Hnath, Michelle Snow, Matthew Pullen
 National Merit Scholarship Program Letter of Commendation - Katherine Giles
 Massachusetts Commonwealth Scholar Grant - Bethany Fowler, Katherine Giles, Jennifer Heinrich
 Fifield Athletic Award - Rebecca Field, Mark Lyons
 Todd Douglass Wood Award - Kellie Young
 Fred W. Wells Scholarship - Katherine Giles, Joy Nelson, William Shepard
 Pioneer Valley Union Education Association Scholarship - awarded to a former Pioneer Student - Michele Wood

Department News

English Department - Department Head, Roger Genest

The English Department developed a new modular program centering on courses which will both challenge, yet be student centered in approach. The department also pursued the development of various techniques designed to stimulate interest in the type of learning needed to make the mods successful. The realization of the important role the computer can play in facilitating the writing process has increased usage throughout the curriculum.

Fine Arts - Department Head, Robert Coy

The addition of Anthony Jarzabkowski as our shared instrumental music instructor has brought an increased level of enthusiasm to our band program. The Art Department presented an exhibit of student work at the Greenfield Cooperative Bank.

Foreign Language - Department Head, Carolyn Worden

The Foreign Language Department continues to provide a solid program in Spanish and French. Trips abroad and playing host to many foreign students has enhanced global interest and cultural awareness.

Home Economics - Department Head, JoAnn Pullen

The Home Ec Department continues to play a leadership role in the development of Health Related topics while continuing to provide high level courses centered on foods/nutrition and clothing/textiles. In recent years courses dealing with family living and consumer education have been added to the department offerings.

Business - Department Head, Richard Martin

Attempting to broaden its impact on the whole school, the Business Department this year introduced keyboarding to Gr. 7. This change will enable students at an early age to use computer keyboards quickly and efficiently. The Business Department continues to provide valuable supplementary services to the school in the preparation of brochures, tickets, programs, etc.

Social Studies - Department Head, Justin Duncan

One of the most exciting projects we have been involved with in recent years was the recent Artist in Residence Program. Many students became active participants in the productions of a documentary video focusing on The Vietnam Experience (copies available for a nominal fee)

Physical Education - Department Head, Sharon Schena

A computerized fitness testing program added a new dimension to the Physical Education Curriculum. Students were able to receive print-outs of their performance compared to percentiles and norms for each test. Another new development was the debut of a new sport called Hackey-lax created by Bob Englehardt, Pioneer's Athletic Director and P.E. instructor.

Industrial Arts Department - Department Head, Linwood Wallace

Through a Carl Perkins grant the department was able to add a computer controlled Metal Lathe. New Intro Tech Shop class was introduced and a new 7th & 8th grade curriculum guide utilized in the related arts program.

Science Department - Department Head, Bill Giles

Course requirements mandate that each student must pass three years of a science course in order to graduate. We continue to offer a wide range of courses from IPS to Chemistry. A new course was introduced this year for students with limited math skills. Called simply General Chemistry, the course should prepare students to take Intro Chemistry.

Math Department - Department Head, Austin Graf

Anthony Matteo resigned as Math Department Head and was replaced by Austin Graf.

ENROLLMENT

The enrollments as of December 1, 1989 were as follows:

	Boys	Girls	Tuit.	Nfld.	Bern.	Leyden	Warwick	Totals
Grade 7	34	32	2	26	25	8	5	66
Grade 8	30	42	1	35	21	6	9	72
Grade 9	29	39	2	24	19	11	12	68
Grade 10	26	16	1	19	11	2	9	42
Grade 11	21	29		25	19	4	2	50
Grade 12	33	23	1	21	22	8	4	56
	173	181	7	150	117	39	41	354

Bond Issue

The initial bond issue of \$520,000 originally earmarked \$318,000 for major building improvements such as completing projects on the roof, heating and plumbing, water storage, bus canopy and improvements to the athletic fields. Hopefully these projects could be completed and still leave \$202,000 for major equipment purchases such as desks, chairs, stores, sewing machines, typewriters, etc. Unfortunately, when all of the projects were completed only \$40,000 (approximately) was left for equipment.

IN CLOSING

It is good that all of the major building projects were completed and we should be in good shape in those areas for years to come but we are again forced to include many replacement of equipment items in our operating budget each year. Since in budget reducing years these continue to be among the first items deleted our equipment gets older and older. Like depriving your body of essential vitamins and nutrients the loss of essential equipment, textbooks and other supplies doesn't impact immediately but the damage is done. If, again like the human body, the trend continues year after year, at some point down the road the detrimental effects of long term deprivation will begin to show up. Our students will be at an increasing disadvantage compared to other students, our building will begin to show signs of neglect, etc. While appearing to be financially necessary such repeated actions are insidious in that the harmful results accumulate so gradually that they are well established before becoming apparent. Somehow, together, we must stop this trend before it's too late.

My sincere appreciation to Superintendent Courtney, my school committee, my faculty and staff, our students and the parents and citizens of our school district for their unselfish and untiring efforts on behalf of their school and its students in 1989. Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully submitted,

Everett H. Masters, Principal

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Report of the Treasurer
FY 1989, July 1, 1988 - June 30, 1989

Balance on hand July 1, 1989

Excess & Deficiency Operating Surplus 108955.71

Federal - State Programs

#380-276-8-0750-6	\$ 2091.16	
CH 1 - 1988	482.95	
CH 2 - 1987 Block Grant	251.55	
Title II	41.08	
CH 2 - 1988 Block Grant	266.25	
89-313 - #200-072-8-0750-6	(1621.00)	
94-142 - #240-075-8-0750-6	(19050.50)	
94-142 - #255-014-8-0750-6	235.00	
94-377 - Math/Science	80.00	
#400-071-8-0750-6	(1643.51)	
#252-035-8-0750-6	157.16	
#384-064-8-0750-6	(250.00)	
#399-081-8-0750-6	(3268.80)	
#393-228-8-0750-6	7855.34	
CH 188 - Horace Mann	158.83	
CH 188 - School Improvement	2477.36	
98-524 - #400-071-7-0750-6	43.10	
#451-101-7-0750-6	1.28	
#80-750-505-058-7	1026.96	
#400-091-6-0750-6	<u>3.34</u>	(10662.45)

Special Funds

School Lunch	5488.17	
Mass 5% Meals Tax	.13	
School Athletic Fund	705.80	
Student Scholarship Reserve	2213.78	
Special Ed. In-Service	13.49	
Renovation - Heating Pipes	.57	
Use of Building & Personnel	50.25	
Acid Tank	3000.00	
Well Reserve	(5029.06)	
Telephone System	(<u>581.25</u>)	5861.88

Bond Issue

Planning	(21390.65)	
Roofing	(<u>7450.00</u>)	(28840.65) 75314.49

Receipts - Operational

Federal - State Programs

#305-284-9-0750-6	34308.00
CH 2 - 1989 Block Grant	6776.00
89-313 - #200-094-9-0750-6	3900.00
89-313 - #200-072-8-0750-6	1750.00
94-142 - #240-082-9-0750-6	24883.50
94-142 - #240-075-8-0750-6	18393.00
94-142 - #262-190-9-0750-6	4257.00
94-377 - Math/Science	2338.00
#399-084-9-0750-6	3570.00
#396-048-9-0750-6	33425.00

#400-061-9-0750-6	3340.00		
#380-378-9-0750-6	1648.00		
CH 188 - Horace Mann	5160.00		
CH 188 - School Improvement	<u>3021.00</u>	146769.50	
Member Town Assessments			
Town of Bernardston	407011.00		
Town of Leyden	109439.00		
Town of Northfield	542131.00		
Town of Warwick	<u>119453.00</u>	1178034.00	
Member Town Capital Budget			
Town of Bernardston	15840.00		
Town of Leyden	5296.50		
Town of Northfield	22324.50		
Town of Warwick	<u>6039.00</u>	49500.00	
State Reimbursement - Distributions			
CH 645 - School Building Asst.	14729.96		
CH 70	121567.00		
CH 71	399968.00		
Transportation	118914.00		
State Wards	<u>1173.00</u>	656351.96	
Special Funds			
School Lunch			
Petty Cash	50.00		
Comm. of Mass.	19896.52		
Collection	34174.46		
Reimbursement	1751.77		
Janitor Meals	793.52		
Mass. 5% Meals Tax	<u>147.02</u>	56813.29	
School Athletic Fund	1415.51		
Student Scholarship Fund	4316.04		
Use of Building & Personnel	105.75		
FVRS Damage/Ins. Claim	425.00		
Camp Keewanee	1239.06		
FVRS Spirit Award	250.00		
Interest Income - MMDT	13570.32		
Interest Income - Greenfield Coop.	271.61		
Interest Income - Scholarship & Trust	5015.00		
N.E.Telephone - Reimbursement	69.55		
WMECo - Refund	883.69		
Tuition	13798.00		
Sale of Copier	301.57		
Refunds/Reimbursements	<u>2598.20</u>	44259.30	2131728.05
Total Receipts & Holdings			\$ 2207042.54

Excess & Deficiency Operating Surplus-FY89 Activity Schedule

Balance on hand July 1, 1988 108955.71

Transfer funds from E & D per Com. vote

Well Reserve Account	5029.06	
Telephone	581.25	
Acid Tank Account	<u>10000.00</u>	15610.31

FY 1988 - Estimated Rec. Deficit 7519.10

FY 1988 - Operating Budget Deficit	<u>2579.96</u>	<u>10099.06</u>	<u>40709.37</u>
			<u>68246.34</u>

Transfer funds to E & E per Com. vote

Special Ed. In-Service	13.49		
Renovation of Heating Pipes	<u>.57</u>	14.06	
FY 1987 Block Grant (monies left)		<u>30.55</u>	<u>44.61</u>

Balance on hand June 30, 1989

\$ 68290.95

Disbursements - Operational

Operating Budget

#1000 - Administration	\$ 77810.70	
#2000 - Instruction	1239495.87	
#3000 - Other Services	214086.06	
#4000 - Operation & Maintenance	166112.54	
#5000 - Fixed Charges	228555.42	
#7000 - Acq. of Fixed Assets	6816.90	
#9000 - Prog. with other Schools	<u>1278.50</u>	1934155.99

Federal - State Programs

CH 188 - Curriculum Development	32.00	
#380-276-8-0750-6	777.51	
CH 1 - #305-284-9-0750-6	41577.60	
CH 2 - 1989 Block Grant	6179.87	
CH 2 - 1987 Block Grant	251.55	
CH 2 - 1988 Block Grant	49.39	
89-313 - #200-094-9-0750-6	3900.00	
89-313 - #200-072-8-0750-6	129.00	
94-142 - #240-082-9-0750-6	29968.16	
94-142 - #240-075-8-0750-6	(657.50)	
94-142 - #262-190-9-0750-6	150.00	
94-142 - #255-014-8-0750-6	234.60	
94-377 - Math/Science	2338.00	
#399-084-9-0750-6	2871.00	
#396-048-9-0750-6	33366.96	
#400-061-9-0750-6	3340.00	
#380-378-9-0750-6	2325.86	
#400-071-8-0750-6	244.76	
#399-081-8-0750-6	(3218.24)	
#393-228-8-0750-6	7855.34	
CH 188 - Horace Mann	6534.29	
CH 188 - School Improvement	<u>4939.67</u>	143189.82

Special Funds

School Lunch			
Petty Cash	50.00		
Supplies	<u>65050.78</u>	65100.78	
Mass. 5% Meals Tax	147.15		
School Athletic Fund	816.24		
Student Scholarship Reserve			
Supplies	4865.84		
Scholarships			
Carolyn Boran	500.00		
Bruce Llewelyn	100.00		
Kristina Hurlburt	100.00		
Sarah Dean	150.00		
Patty Glabach	150.00		
Amanda Arsenault	<u>100.00</u>	5965.84	
Special Ed In-Service	13.49		
Renovation - Heating Pipes	.57		
Use of Building & Personnel	105.75		
PVRS Damage/Ins. Claim	425.00		
Acid Tank	(485.95)		
Capital Reserve	11856.32		
Bond Issue	13500.14		
Trust Funds - Scholarships	<u>5015.00</u>	<u>37359.55</u>	2179806.14
Balance on hand June 30, 1989			
Excess & Deficiency - Operating Surplus		68290.95	
Federal - State Programs			
CH 188 - Curriculum Development	32.00		
#380-276-8-0750-6	(1313.65)		
CH 1 - #305-284-9-0750-6	7269.60		
CH 1 - 1988	(482.95)		
CH 2 - 1989 Block Grant	(596.13)		
Title II	(41.08)		
CH 2 - 1988 Block Grant	(216.86)		
94-142 - #240-082-9-0750-6	5084.66		
94-142 - #262-190-9-0750-6	(4107.00)		
94-142 - #255-014-8-0750-6	(.40)		
94-377 - Math/Science	(80.00)		
#399-084-9-0750-6	(699.00)		
#396-048-9-0750-6	(58.04)		
#380-378-9-0750-6	677.86		
#400-071-8-0750-6	1888.27		
#252-035-8-0750-6	(157.16)		
#384-064-8-0750-6	250.00		
#399-081-8-0750-6	50.56		
CH 188 - Horace Mann	1215.46		
CH 188 - School Improvement	(558.69)		
98-524 - #400-071-7-0750-6	(43.10)		
#451-101-7-0750-7	(1.28)		
#80-750-505-058-7	(1026.96)		
#400-091-6-0750-6	(<u>3.34</u>)	7082.77	
Special Funds			
School Lunch	2946.34		
School Athletic Fund	(1305.07)		

Student Scholarship Reserve	(563.98)		
Use of Building & Personnel	(50.25)		
Acid Tank	(3485.95)		
Camp Keewanee	(1239.06)		
PVRS Spirit Award	(250.00)		
Bond Issue			
Planning	(1356.25)		
Athletic Fields	(5189.42)		
Capital Reserve	(37643.68)	(48137.32)	<u>27236.40</u>

Total Disbursements & Carryover

2207042.54

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT
December 31, 1989

	Fiscal Year 1989		Fiscal Year 1990		Proposed
	Approp.	Expended	Approp.	Exp. & Mos.	FY91 Bud.
1000 Admin.	65697.	77810.70	61782.	29819.97	81859.
2000 Instr.	1269696.	1239495.87	1320519.	472186.22	1370190.
3000 Oth.Serv.	195238.	214086.06	242123.	84647.89	236521.
4000 Op/Maint.	175190.	166112.54	194648.	91798.66	190233.
5000 Fxd.Chgs.	174787.	228555.42	222630.	173879.64	291494.
7000 Acq.Fxd.					
Assets	6765.	6816.90	4817.	1853.73	22784.
9000 Prog.w/oth.	1450.	1278.50	1450.	460.00	-0-
	<u>1888823.</u>	<u>1934155.99</u>	<u>2047969.</u>	<u>854646.11</u>	<u>2193081.</u>

FISCAL YEAR 1990
OPERATING BUDGET

Operating Budget

2193081.

Reduced by:

Anticipated State Reimbursements

Chapter 71 Regional Aid	399968.
Regional Transportation	120642.
Chapter 70 Aide	121567.
State Wards	1135.
E. & D. Utilization	5000.
School Building Assessment	39253.
Interest/Miscellaneous	<u>32960.</u>

720525.

To be apportioned by member towns \$ 1472556.

Apportionments:

Bernardston	-	122.3/359.7 (34.00%)	500669.
Leyden	-	36.2/359.7 (10.06%)	148139.
Northfield	-	160.2/359.7 (44.54%)	655876.
Warwick	-	41.0/359.7 (11.40%)	167872.

Total \$ 1472556.

CAPITAL BUDGET

Apportionments:

Bernardston	-	.3214	21984.24
Leyden	-	.1088	7442.08
Northfield	-	.4466	30548.11
Warwick	-	.1232	<u>8427.07</u>
			<u>\$ 68401.50</u>

FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN
For the Calendar Year Jan. 1 1989 to Dec. 31, 1989

To the citizens of the member towns of the Franklin County Technical School District:

Bernardston	Greenfield	Shelburne
Buckland	Heath	Sunderland
Colrain	Leyden	Warwick
Conway	Montague	Wendell
Deerfield	New Salem	Whately
Erving	Northfield	
Gill	Orange	

Even though our budget is tight and our enrollment is down as it is in all the State's secondary schools, Franklin County Tech continues to provide a quality education to all its students; preparing them for the work field in Franklin County. We do not have nearly enough students graduate to fill the demand that our area employers have for a quality work force. Greenfield Community College continues to take advantage of the opportunity to use our school to coordinate the Tech Connection Workshops.

As in the past a large number of community service projects have been done for area towns. One important project was for Camp Lion Knoll which is used by the Greenfield Girls Club. Franklin County Tech made renovations on this Camp so that it would pass the Board of Health's inspection. Hundreds of county children attend summer camp here. The annual house building project which is being built in Sunderland this year is our major project.

This year we had five school committee members attend the annual School Committee and School Superintendent's Conference at Hyannis, Ma. Eleven hundred School Committee members from across the state attended. We feel that our fine showing every year at this annual conference has helped to make F.C.T.S. well known to our State Education Leaders. We also had the opportunity to meet with some leaders of the Special Olympics from the eastern part of the state.

On behalf of the Committee, our thanks go out to our dedicated administrators, teachers, and support staff who continue to do a great job with our students.

Respectfully submitted,

John A. Zon, Chairman

FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE - Dec. 31, 1989

Bernardston	Robert Murley	Montague	Donald O'Hara
Buckland	Sharleen Moffatt		Milton Smith
Colrain	Mark McKusick	New Salem	Harold Overing
Conway	George Eldridge	Northfield	Louis Guillette
Deerfield	Marshall Aronstam	Orange	Leona Cloutier
Erving	Vacant		Jane Laughton
Gill	J. Richard Colgan	Rowe	Gail May
Greenfield	Thomas King	Shelburne	Eugene Butler
	George Markle	Sunderland	Clarence Warner
	John Zon, Jr.	Warwick	A. George Day, Jr.
Heath	James Cerone	Wendell	Albert Diemand
Leyden	Gerald Levine	Whately	Vacant

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT DIRECTOR Calendar Year Jan. 1 1989 to Dec. 31, 1989

I am pleased to submit my fifth annual report of the administration of the Franklin County Technical School. As in previous reports, I will briefly report only on those significant events that have contributed to our school's growth and progress during the past year.

The student enrollment decreases which have been in evidence in the nation, state, and county high schools for the past six years, has had an impact on the Tech School enrollment. Due to the decline in student numbers, we are phasing out our Agriculture and Drafting programs. Although the decline in high school age students will continue to be pronounced for at least two more years, the Franklin County Technical School will continue to maintain acceptable student loads. The percentage of enrollment decline in the county's high schools appears to be offset by a continuing increased percentage of District student applications.

The October 1, 1989 enrollment by District and Non-District towns are as follows:

		<u>Non-District Towns</u>	
Bernardston	19	Amherst	12
Buckland	12	Ashfield	7
Colrain	13	Athol	19
Conway	7	Charlemont	9
Deerfield	28	Hawley	3
Erving	24	Leverett	3
Gill	4	Felham	1
Greenfield	120	Plainfield	3
Heath	13	Rowe	4
Leyden	3	Shutesbury	3
Montague	48		
New Salem	10		
Northfield	12		
Orange	54		
Shelburne	9		
Sunderland	11		
Warwick	5		
Wendell	11		
Whately	4		
	<u>407</u>		<u>64</u>
			471

As in every year since this school's opening, perhaps the most serious problem facing this School District is the major handicap of attempting to establish educationally sound and fiscally responsive operational budgets nearly two years in advance of the expenditure calendar for those budgets. This difficulty is compounded by the fact that nearly fifty percent of the cost of every regional school budget is borne by state reimbursements. When, as it often happens, the state changes reimbursement projections, after local budgets have been finalized, the results are destructive to effective budget analysis and management.

A very successful Career Fair was held last Spring and eighth graders from each of the sending schools were given an opportunity to explore careers in many vocational fields. We have entered into a joint program with Western Mass. Electric Company designed to reduce our energy consumption. The project has been installed, and we are in the process of fine tuning the new equipment.

As in the past, a large number of community service projects were completed by our school production shops. The annual house building project (being built this year in Sunderland) is our major project, however, a large number of District towns benefited from the skills of our student body. We have also been involved in a number of remodeling projects at County Senior Citizen Centers.

The Tech School continues to receive a large and varied number of federal grants allocated to curricular improvement. The school received in excess of two hundred thousand dollars in direct grant dollars to assist us in developing a large number of vocational and special education programs. Furthermore, a number of our area

business and industrial firms donated valuable materials, equipment, and services to our school.

Our work experience and cooperative work programs continue to be very effective job placement vehicles for the Tech School student. As of September, 1989, our Senior placement record was as follows:

Available for placement	91
Entered college	10
<u>Placed in Jobs</u>	
Related to Shop Training	61
Unrelated to Shop Training	20
JOB PLACEMENT (Related to Shop)	67%
JOB PLACEMENT (Total)	90%

In conclusion, I would like to express my gratitude to the entire educational community at the Tech School. Their support and understanding have been appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Filkins
Superintendent-Director

FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Fiscal Year 91 Budget Assessment

	10/89 Enrlmt.	Op.% FY91	Oper.Assmnt. w/Orange buy-in	Cap.% FY91	Capital Assessment	Tot.FY91 Assmnt.
BERNARDSTON	19	4.67	104312.58	3.104	1480.69	105793.26
BUCKLAND	12	2.95	65881.63	3.045	1452.23	67333.85
COLRAIN	13	3.19	71371.76	2.777	1324.51	72696.27
CONWAY	7	1.72	38430.95	2.411	1149.84	39580.79
DEERFIELD	28	6.88	153723.80	9.000	4292.93	158016.73
ERVING	24	5.90	131763.25	3.958	1887.90	133651.15
GILL	4	.98	21960.54	2.092	997.95	22958.49
GREENFIELD	120	29.48	658816.27	28.907	13787.84	672604.11
HEATH	13	3.19	71371.76	1.181	563.44	71935.20
LEYDEN	3	.74	16470.41	.981	467.96	16938.36
MONTAGUE	48	11.79	263526.51	12.857	6132.44	269658.95
NEW SALEM	10	2.46	54901.36	1.132	539.93	55441.29
NORTHFIELD	12	2.95	65881.63	4.497	2145.11	68026.74
ORANGE	54	13.27	314723.14	9.738	4644.77	319367.92
SHELburne	9	2.21	49411.22	3.465	1652.76	51063.98
SUNDERLAND	11	2.70	60391.49	5.568	2655.98	63047.47
WARWICK	5	1.23	27450.68	1.207	575.81	28026.49
WENDELL	11	2.70	60391.49	1.085	517.51	60909.00
WHATELY	4	.98	21960.54	2.995	1428.41	23388.95
TOTALS	407	100.00	2252741.00	100.000	47698.00	2300439.00

Annual Report of the Trustees
DICKINSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

As reported to you last year in this space we, in conjunction with the local Historical Society, commissioned a "feasibility study" of an addition to the library which would provide space to meet the growing demands of both organizations and which would meet state requirements for handicapped access (elevator) and handicapped use of facilities in the library. These requirements are "on the books", not yet enforced here, but may be at any time. This study is now completed, funded by the two organizations without cost to taxpayers, and for those who have not seen the plans drawn up by the architect, they may be seen at the library (inquire at the desk). These are not final plans but do show how the architect envisions meeting the requirements of the groups. We recognize that the present financial climate is not a very appropriate time to ask the town to support such an addition, but believe it is prudent to be well prepared to do so should enforcement of handicapped access and/or burgeoning space needs require it. Despite yearly culling of our collections, we are at the point of lacking sufficient shelf space and are "shelving" books on the floor in the stack room. Finally we should note that the projected plans include a meeting room for the use of local organizations who might wish to use it, having in mind particularly the local Fortnightly Club and other women's groups who gave up their space in Alexander Hall to recently approved, renovated and new Center School.

Circulation of books and other materials continues high, as does the number of people using the library. We have one of the highest per capita users in the state. We continue to offer bi-weekly movie programs for children during the winter months, have begun a film discussion group for adults, have continued two sections of "story hour for preschoolers" weekly through the school year and continued a summer reading program for children. Interestingly one of our participants designed a logo for a reading program which has been adopted and copied for all the library summer reading programs in western Mass. Out thanks to Tom Boisvert for using the logo to silk screen T-shirts which are being sold by the Friends to help the library. One of the gifts from the Friends this year has been a new television and VCR. The cable company has provided the promised free hookup and the machine is now being used for our winter film discussion program and for viewing video cassettes from our collection.

We have been impressed and are grateful for the many people who have donated time, material or money to the library. Several people donate flowering plants or floral bouquets rather regularly for use in our lobby and reading room and others have donated bulbs for our outside plantings. Susan von Glahn has given us one of her original paintings for the wall in the reading room. One of our patrons has added a considerable number of audio tapes for our collection, while others have purchased new books for replacement of some of the childrens' books lost to mold. Parents have helped with the preschool

story hours and the Jr. Friends of the Library have once again put on the pre Christmas bazaar for youngsters where they can purchase gifts for other family members at much reduced prices. The Fortnightly Club has donated funds for childrens' books and for badly needed replacements of window drapes. Many parents and others have contributed books to those lost to mold last year. The list goes on and on but space to record them here grows short. We do indeed thank all those who have contributed so much in making this library the fine institution it really is.

Finally we would like to thank our librarians and staff for their dedication and efforts in providing the high quality service and programs that you deserve.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Giles, Chairman
Lucille Bolton
Lenore Gaudet
Elizabeth Mayberry
Jon McGowan
Carolyn Spencer
LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Report of DICKINSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

It was a busy year. The summer reading program (578 books read) included many activities, from a scavenger hunt to the outstanding performance of "Jack & the Beanstalk". Everyone enjoyed the "do-it-yourself" sundaes. The silk screen T-shirts created a year-long activity and fund raiser for the Junior Friends. Special thanks to Ben Johnson for the design and Tom Boisvert for the silk screening.

Story hour met weekly during the school year for 2-3 year olds and 3-5 year olds. Children's programming is rewarding and exciting and possible only through the efforts of such people as Judi Loomis, Diana Weggler, Joanne Gardner, Mary Anne Ladd and all the mothers and fathers of pre-schoolers and of participants in the summer reading program.

The Children's Holiday Bazaar was expanded to include 1st and 2nd graders. Marshall Smith made a cradle which the Junior Friends (with the help of David Quinn and Kate Miller) raffled off, as well as two gingerbread houses, courtesy of Shauna Griffin and Diana Weggler. The Senior Friends held a successful book sale in October and presented a TV and VCR to the library.

We would like to thank Grace Browning, Francis Reed and Larry Lightner for brightening the library with flowers and plants, and volunteers Phyllis Derigon, Ruth Ellison, Lillian Mirtz, Jean Shepard.

Abe Walters and Mary Goodwin for all their help. The staff and I appreciate the continued support of the Board of Trustees. I would like to thank Joyce & Curtis Shepard, Kaelen Dunican, Kelly Brassor and of course, Sharon Miller, without whom my job would be much more difficult.

STATISTICS:

Attendance:	Adult	6869	Films borrowed	46
	Juvenile	<u>3753</u>	Interlibrary Loan	243
	Total:	10622	Borrowed from Bkmbld	2301
New People:		133	Books withdrawn	683
Circulation:	Adult books	15278	Additions-Bks-Adults	546
	Adult audio	496	Additions-Adult-Lg.Prt	44
	Adult video	<u>357</u>	Additions-Juvenile	<u>439</u>
	Adult Total:	16131	Total:	1029
	Juvenile Bks	11793	Audio-Bks-Cassettes	83
	Juvenile audio	<u>160</u>	Video Cassettes	<u>38</u>
	Total:	<u>12217</u>		
Total:		1150		
Combined Total:		28348		

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Mennard
LIBRARIAN

TREE WARDEN'S REPORT

To the Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Northfield:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1989. This past year 65 trees had to be removed, being dead or a hazard to the streets or highways. We also cut down many trees on South Mountain Road, and trimmed trees of deadwood along some of the streets.

Last spring we planted flowers in front of the Town Hall, water fountain, West Northfield Playground and the Fire Station.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the men in my department for their splendid cooperation in helping me to carry out the various programs this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard H. Bassett
TREE WARDEN

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

In an on-going effort to keep the Zoning By-Laws current, we submitted, to the Annual Town Meeting in May, 1989, revised By-Laws to further protect ground and surface water, an expanded site-plan review and new conversion regulations. At that time the revisions were tabled. We met again with the Zoning Board of Appeals and have submitted altered revisions for the February, 1990 special Town Meeting.

In keeping with our responsibility to propose plans the town may use to guide and manage growth; in light of perceived rapid influx of developers in the Connecticut Valley; and reflecting our own experiences with recent subdivisions in Northfield, we undertook a major upgrading of our existing subdivision regulations. Basically we kept the current regulations and expanded them to meet new environmental concerns, clarify some gray areas and include a fee system to help the Board seek expert advice, as needed, without putting a burden on the town. We met frequently with the County Planner and hope to have the new regulations approved in early 1990. In the meantime, we amended the existing subdivision regulations to include a fee system on ANR's.

In the upcoming year the Board is looking forward to starting the process of updating the Master Plan.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Mennard, Chairman
Marian Holbrook
Walter Jaworski
Robert Kibler
Bonnie L'Etoile
PLANNING BOARD

NORTHFIELD BOARD OF HEALTH 1989 Annual Report

Nineteen eighty-nine proved to be a year of great decline in building activity and the associated percolation tests and septic design reviews. This was especially notable late in the year.

In an effort to be cost efficient, Board members inspected percolation tests and viewed system installations at no cost in the first half of the year. Town meeting brought permissive action to allow Board members to be paid for that service if they submit the proper forms. This system is far less costly than hiring outside professionals.

Membership in the Eastern Franklin Health District continues to be an excellent investment. The District negotiated a new contract with Gary Campbell, District Agent, that secures his services for the near future. His work has been exemplary and for our minor share of the District budget, we have essential services and information at low cost.

The innovation of a paid clerk for the Board has proven fully as beneficial as expected. Minutes and correspondence have vastly improved, along with productivity of meetings.

The transfer station permitting process has moved at a slow pace. At year's end, the long-awaited engineering drawing of the site was very near completion. Issuance of permits and improved recycling procedures are to start early in 1990.

The town now has a contract for refuse disposal, a requirement of the permitting process. While not as inexpensive as delivering to the incinerator in Claremont, the contract represents the best solution available at this time. All present recycle materials (glass, aluminum, and newsprint) are disposed of at no cost.

The Board, as ever, is in the debt of Shirley Thompson, Town Secretary, and all the other boards and offices for their cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully,

Richard Parsons, Chairman
Day Gray
Joseph Medeiros
Donald Randall
Kevin Murphy
BOARD OF HEALTH

ANNUAL REPORT OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

The wastewater plant is operated by certified operators; Lionel Gagnon, chief operator; Don Hawkins and Ken Trask, part-time operators.

The Sewer Department has expanded its services to 84 Main Street and plans to hook-up three houses on Highland Avenue in the very near future.

The Board increased the users' rate to \$112.21 per unit annually. This is an increase of \$2.21 over last year.

The construction (step three) of the I/I Sewer Replacement Project has been put on hold because the state ceased all 90% grants.

We have a system designed that will prevent all groundwater, storm drains, etc. from entering our sewer lines. The board is looking into all other available grants and methods of completing this project.

Respectfully submitted,

Albert N. Stone, Chairman
Alan G. Lawler, Clerk
Kenneth L. Miller
SEWER COMMISSIONERS

NORTHFIELD RECREATION COMMISSION Annual Report

The Northfield Recreation Commission continued to pursue its goal of providing high quality recreational activities to attract the widest range of residents possible.

Our primary emphasis this year was on the summer program for elementary school children. Also offered during the summer were tennis, swimming, and aerobics. The fall soccer program proved to be very successful, as did the basketball, swimming, and skating program.

The summer playground, under the direction of Leticia Zervas, saw an increased enrollment of 127 students. Additionally, there were 33 applications for the tennis program. The breakdown of students and instructors is as follows:

GRADE	INSTRUCTOR	# STUDENTS
Pre-school	Amanda Putnam	26
first grade	April Yucavitch	23
second grade	Tina Bonnet	21
third grade	Ryan Noble	19
fourth grade	Andrew Goodwin	13
fifth grade	Andrea Waterman	10
sixth grade	Claire Leheny	15

Total Students 127

Among the highlights of the program were Kiwanis Park Day, a day trip to the Springfield Science Museum, Barton Cove overnight camping, and a trip on the Northfield Mountain Riverboat.

Jennifer Heinrich served as our swimming director this year, aided by Leticia Zervas, Andrew Goodwin, April Yucavitch, and Tina Bonnet. The swimming levels ranged from pre-schoolers to advanced swimmers, with students being able to complete the requirements at the various levels for Red Cross certification.

<u>LEVEL</u>	<u># STUDENTS</u>
Advanced Swimmers	9
Swimmers	15
Intermediates	23
Advanced Beginners	30
Beginners	29
Pre-school	<u>19</u>
Total Students	125

Walter Sanieski ran our tennis program again this year with 35 children and young adults attending. Our sincere thanks to N.M.H. for allowing us to use their courts and equipment.

Peter Vearling coordinated the Northfield co-ed soccer program this year with the help of coaches Sue Ross, Pat Larson, and Mike Tatistcheff. A total of 63 children participated in the soccer program. A soccer clinic was held at P.V.R.S., instructed by coach Justin Duncan. In November the team participated in the Bement School soccer jamboree. The objectives of the program were to give everyone equal playing time and to give each player experience in all positions when possible.

The 5th and 6th grade boys' and girls' basketball teams are very active this year under the direction of Peter Vearling.

The Karate classes, under John Lepore, and the aerobic classes instructed by Deborah Forlier continue to be very popular and well attended.

The Northfield Recreation Commission plans to continue offering high quality recreational activities to the people of Northfield. Due to recent budget constraints, it has become our goal to make as many activities as possible self-supporting.

Thanks to each and every one of you for your support.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Glazier, Chairperson
Dorothy Parrill, Treasurer
Edward M. Powell, Jr.
James Polhemus
Doris Carlson
Carol Driver
RECREATION COMMISSION

FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
Report to Member Communities: FY90

Mid-way through our first operational year, the Solid Waste District can point with pride to its accomplishments.

The District's first full-time administrator, Robert Rottenburg of Colrain, came on board in mid-November, helping the District emerge as an independent entity after its formative Planning Board years under the County's wing.

Much of the focus this year has been around the opening of the MRF (Materials Recycling Facility) in Springfield, helping our towns gear up for mandatory separation of recyclables. Two area trash haulers were selected to deliver our towns' MRF boxes to Springfield. The education committee designed and printed a poster touting the benefits of recycling; you've undoubtedly seen it in many store windows. All area schools were given recycling teaching programs, and were encouraged to hold poster-making contests. Many participated.

What to do with our non-recyclable trash remains a constant focus. Discussions continue with the Town of Montague about creating a regional landfill in that town. Our mapping project also continues, searching for potential alternate or backup sites for a landfill, composting project, or regional transfer station. By the time you read this, it is hoped that our composting feasibility study will have told us that it makes sense to compost our solid waste and sewage sludge, producing a material usable by highway departments, nurseries, and perhaps gardeners. This process could reduce our solid waste volume by over 80%.

The District's five committees are the backbone of all District activity. Forty-five town representatives and alternates attended an average of two meetings per month throughout the year, designing education programs, writing the by-laws, exploring waste management alternatives, overseeing the district administration, and preparing budgets and tracking finances. The town representatives, appointed by Selectmen, serve as the District's local eyes and ears; their active participation ensures the effectiveness of the District's work program. They deserve a vote of thanks from all their townspeople for their tireless work.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Little, Greenfield
Chairperson

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Government is outdated and misnamed. It is an extension of the State for managing Jails, Registries of Deeds and Courts. It made sense when judges and prisoners arrived on horseback. Yet the County remains in Massachusetts the nearest thing we have to a sense of "regionalism".

In eastern Massachusetts there are layers and layers of competing agencies serving the public. Here, the towns provide most services. There are some regional agencies - the Regional Housing Authority, the Regional Building Inspector Cooperative, Regional Dispatch, and so on. But these were formed by Franklin County to address specific problems which single, small towns could not handle on their own. They're cost effective and responsive. They work.

Franklin County is the only County which has consistently provided services which save small towns money. The State doesn't understand the small town. We do. We work with the towns to figure out what programs a number of towns need to save money or tackle a problem, and then we do it. And we fight the State when we have to get the County's share of State dollars back to the towns. We advocate for our region.

There is a hitch. We still have to operate the Jail, Registry and Courthouse - the items the State wants to tell us how to run. The State doesn't care that we serve our towns well. And now the State's made laws which force us to dump our town program money into the Jail and Registry. The State won't finance what should be State functions to begin with.

There's a hitch at home, too. After dealing with the State, most towns fiercely protect "home rule". That's the law which reserves for towns all powers the State doesn't take. It seems like the State keeps taking, though. And that's why the County tried to get a charter a few years ago - an effort to hang together before we hang separately. Our charter was narrowly defeated at the polls. Something was wrong with the way we went about it. So we're trying again with the Franklin FUTURES Committee to come up with an organization that can serve all of our towns and act as a base from which we can all shout together and be heard in Boston.

If it ain't broke don't fix it. Town boundaries have been there a long time and so they shall remain. But your County is broke - the County that is known for being scrappy on Beacon Hill, and working for towns - not just jails, not just the Registry. The State is going to fix us if we don't move quickly to preserve our right to work together. The "FUTURES" effort you've heard about in the press and radio is our last chance to do for our towns what the State would rather be done their way.

Please support your County - call the Franklin County Commissioners office with your comments and questions about the County and the FUTURES effort. And thank you for just taking the time to hear us out.

Jay DiPucchio
County Administrator

Report of
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Northfield, Massachusetts:

Beginning my duties and responsibilities as the Administrative Assistant for the Town of Northfield on January 22, 1990, I have spent the greater part of my time and availability familiarizing myself with the daily operation of the various Town departments and committees, as well as attempting to become familiar with the issues and tasks facing the Town and in need of immediate resolutions.

During this period of familiarization I have found all the Town officials, employees and appointees to be most helpful in acquainting me with their operations/programs and extremely co-operative and pleasant with their help, and I thank you for your time, and I also thank you for your help. I am especially most appreciative for your support.

The Administrative Assistant's primary function, at this time, appears to be assisting the various Town Boards, Departments and Committees in performing and perfecting their duties and the presentation of their respective expertise for the benefit and good of the Town business. A secondary function of the Administrative Assistant, and perhaps a primary function as well, is the performance and completion of the responsibilities assigned to the Administrative Assistant by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Northfield.

At the present time this Administrative Assistant is attempting to organize his office, review all the Town insurance policies and programs with a hopeful view of eliminating duplicate coverage, if any exists, and obtaining a more competitive rate structure that will result in a reduction of premium cost. I also hope in the near future to review the potential for a computerization of some municipal services, especially those involved in the management of the fiscal affairs of the Town Government, and if such computerization will result in a cost reduction and more efficient and acceptable operation for the Town departments involved.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas E. O'Neil
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

TOWN ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

BALANCE SHEET

Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1989

ASSETS

Cash:

General	144,638.32	
Fed. Rev. Shar.	2.37	
Recreation	<u>2,337.72</u>	146,978.41

Investments:

Gen. & Rev. Shar.	612,818.58	
Ch. 811 Hwy. Fund	898.65	
E.O.C.D. Fund	<u>114,732.13</u>	728,449.36

Accounts Receivable:

1988 R.E. Taxes	1,595.60	
1988 P.F. Taxes	17.08	
1989 R.E. Taxes	38,000.89	
1989 P.F. Taxes	<u>356.30</u>	39,969.87

1985 M.V. Excise Taxes	90.65	
1986 M.V. Excise	724.71	
1987 M.V. Excise	2,222.20	
1988 M.V. Excise	3,717.71	
1989 M.V. Excise	<u>12,143.30</u>	18,888.32

1987 Sewer Use Comm.	111.05	
1987 Comm. Interest	22.02	
1988 Sewer Use	330.00	
1989 Sewer Use	<u>53,396.06</u>	53,859.13

Spec. Assess. Sewer		4,000.00
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Tax Titles	9,077.27	
Tax Possessions	<u>1,370.29</u>	10,447.56

Departmental:

Sewer Dumping	1,593.51	
Veterans' Benefits	4,231.15	
Nurse's Visits	<u>2,585.33</u>	8,409.99

State Aid to Highways		143,081.45
State Aid to Sewer Project		13,897.00

Due From:

Library Trust Fund		10.74
Police Outside Detail		126.20
School Lunch		596.30
Equal Ed. Opp. Grant		10,140.00
* Fund 15, Hwy.		56,732.00
* Stabilization Fund		9,000.00

Revenue, 1990	2,588,521.37
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Loans Authorized, Sewer Proj.	13,500.00
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Overdrawn Appropriation:	
Snow Removal	4,171.65

\$ 3,850,779.35

* Voted but not spent.

LIABILITIES & RESERVES

Warrants Payable, Gen.	182,249.88
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Temp. Loan in Antic. Reimb.	54,030.00
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Overpayment 1987 R.E. Taxes	9.99
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Payroll Deductions, Group Insur.	3,454.87
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Bid Bond	200.00
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Excess-Sale of Land of Low Value	98.26
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Dog Licenses Coll. for County	83.25
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Tax Collector's Costs	2.00
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Town Clerk Fees	114.25
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Tailings - Unclaimed Checks	400.79
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Trust Fund Income:

Libraries	16,721.83	
School	1,446.39	
Cemeteries	<u>19,010.08</u>	37,178.30

Grants:

School	1,289.08	
Council on Aging	3,120.17	
Arts Council	<u>1,232.05</u>	5,641.30

Boating Enforcement Fund	2,561.42
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Right-to-Know Fund	7.50
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Rec. Comm. Revolving Fund	2,337.72
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Appropriation Balances, 1989:

General	196,727.66	
Rev. Shar.	<u>6,751.00</u>	203,478.66

Appropriations, 1990		2,776,728.19
Loans Authorized & Unissued		13,500.00
Overestimate, 1989:		
County Tax		75.70
Sale of Real Estate		5,569.37
Sale of Cemetery Lots		12,933.77
Road Machinery Fund		2,605.05
E.O.C.D. Fund		98,732.13
Overlays Reserved for Abateements:		
Levy of 1988	17,628.77	
Levy of 1989	<u>23,458.95</u>	41,087.72
Revenues Reserved Until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle Excise	18,888.32	
Sewer Use	53,859.13	
Special Assessment	4,000.00	
State Aid to Hwys.	89,051.45	
State Aid to Sewer Proj.	13,897.00	
Tax Titles & Poss.	10,447.56	
Departmental	<u>8,409.99</u>	198,553.45
Surplus Revenue		<u>209,145.58</u>
		\$ 3,850,779.35

DEBT ACCOUNT

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$470,116.72	Sewer Loans	\$470,116.72
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RECEIPTS

Local Taxes:		
1987 Real Estate	1,027.58	
1988 Real Estate	24,343.61	
1988 Personal Property	712.11	
1989 Real Estate	1,342,058.22	
1989 Personal Property	<u>247,602.78</u>	1,615,744.30
In Lieu of Taxes		1,397.10
1988 Farm Animal Excise		2,912.00
1988 Forest Products		69.60

Motor Vehicle Excise:

1979 Levy	4.75	
1980 Levy	23.10	
1982 Levy	13.75	
1986 Levy	25.73	
1987 Levy	7,646.46	
1988 Levy	63,368.08	
1989 Levy	<u>84,593.41</u>	155,675.28

Sewer Use:

1987	698.43	
1987 Committed to Taxes	53.07	
1987 Committed Interest	.62	
1988	50,215.00	
1989	<u>605.00</u>	51,572.12

Sewer Permanent Privilege & Connections

2,450.00

From the State (Cherry Sheet)

Abatements to Veterans	1,488.00	
Abatements to the Elderly	10,659.00	
Hwy. Reconstruction & Maint.	35,875.00	
Lottery, Beano, Charity Games	94,204.00	
Highway Fund	35,375.00	
School Aid, Ch. 70	246,259.00	
School Transportation	25,728.00	
Add'l. Aid to Libraries	<u>688.00</u>	450,276.00

Departmental Revenue:

Sewer	2,904.61	
Veterans' Benefits	<u>2,471.26</u>	5,375.87

From the State:

Schools:		
School Lunch	8,332.46	
Horace Mann Grant	1,591.00	
School Improvement Cncl. Grant	2,054.00	
Equal Ed. Opportunity Grant	11,075.00	
Early Childhood Grant	40,000.00	
Other School Grants	2,789.00	
Other Purposes:		
Sewer Project	21,484.00	
Highway Chapter 90	22,144.55	
Highway, Bridge Replacement	36,599.65	
Highway, Flood Reimbursement	15,984.85	
Arts Lottery Council Grant	1,910.00	
Library State Aid	2,399.57	
Elder Affairs	1,096.00	
Admin. Asst. Grant	12,000.00	
Main Street Grant	2,800.00	
Extended Election Hours	<u>180.00</u>	182,440.08

From the County:		
Dog Care & Kill	474.82	
Elderly Transportation	<u>2,393.00</u>	2,867.82
Tax Collection Costs		2,572.00
Certification Municipal Liens		2,125.00
Town Clerk Fees		1,280.50
Revolving Funds:		
Recreation Comm.	6,825.30	
School Lunch:		
Sale of Lunches	13,987.71	20,813.01
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds		300.00
Belcher School Fund Interest		121.06
Payroll Withholdings:		
Federal Taxes	94,974.05	
State Taxes	38,278.28	
Group Insurance	36,038.73	
County Retirement	27,144.34	
Teachers Retirement	23,844.51	
Teachers Dues	3,405.50	
Credit Union	30,656.00	
Medicare Tax	<u>5,724.57</u>	260,065.98
Other Agency Funds:		
Dog Licenses Collected for County	749.75	
Police Extra-duty Detail	5,349.40	
River Boating Enforcement	3,005.42	
Meals Tax	<u>26.75</u>	9,131.32
Trust Fund Income:		
Stabilization Fund	8,060.17	
Cemeteries	4,595.49	
Library	7,519.37	
Other	<u>6,888.90</u>	27,063.93
E.O.C.D. Fund (Housing Rehab. Returns)	24,898.35	
Interest	<u>7,898.50</u>	32,796.85
Bid Bond		100.00
Sale of Cemetery Lots		860.00
Road Machinery Fund		1,465.50
Stabilization Fund Withdrawn		70,000.00
Tailings		173.83

Interest Income:		
Arts Council	77.55	
Highway Funds	615.57	
Taxes	4,007.45	
Motor Vehicle Excise	524.19	
Sewer Use	261.12	
Surp. Rev. Fund	96.64	
Gen. Investments	<u>28,115.60</u>	33,698.12

Refunds	5,010.09
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Maturity of Investments	659,178.73
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Gifts	1,424.40
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Temporary Loan in Anticipation of Revenue	200,000.00
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Temporary Loan in Anticipation of Reimbursement	54,030.00
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Selectmen Expense	1.12
Selectmen Licenses	1,435.00
Liquor Licenses	1,790.00
Town Clerk Licenses	40.00
Building Permits	15,959.34
Building Inspections	1,838.50
Wiring Permits	3,815.00
Dog Fines	150.00
Copies	505.40
Town Hall Rent	441.00
Alexander Hall Rent	45.00
Pistol Permits	430.00
Accident Reports	183.00
F.I.D. Cards Issued	51.00
Police, other	43.51
Court Fines	10,260.00
Plumbing Permits	2,258.00
Disposal & Septic Permits	7,855.00
Board of Health, other	20.00
Gas Permits	201.00
Nurse's Visits	2,787.50
" Supplies	48.48
Tax Collector Exp.	35.00
Board of Appeals	375.00
Library Fines	223.25
Lost Books	21.70
Sale of Street Lists	142.00
Sale of By-Laws, Maps	97.15
Fire Dept. Inspections	735.00
Recreation Fees	274.00
Dive Team Boat Lease	1.00
Conservation Comm. Notice of Intent	75.00
Highway Dept. Sale of Scrap	704.34
Admin. Fee, Outside Police Detail	2,581.59
School Tuition	999.66

Ambulance	6,000.00
Workmen's Comp. Dividend	3,272.68
Property Insurance Dividend	3,241.00

Total Receipts	\$ 3,926,091.04
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Cash on Hand 7/1/88 (General)	\$ 8,985.32
" " " " (Rev. Shar.)	2.37
	<u>8,987.69</u>
	\$ 3,935,078.73

PAYMENTS

	<u>APPROP. & TRANSFERS</u>	<u>SPENT</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
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GENERAL FUNDS

Moderator Salary	71.00	71.00	---
Moderator Expense	80.00	41.50	38.50
Selectmen Salaries	3,236.00	3,236.00	---
Selectmen Expense	6,350.00	6,350.00	---
Secretary Salary	15,666.00	15,666.00	---
Accountant Salary	10,430.00	10,430.00	---
Accountant Expense	300.00	268.90	31.10
Treasurer Salary	5,540.00	5,540.00	---
Treasurer Expense	1,932.01	1,932.01	---
Tax Collector Salary	3,884.00	3,884.00	---
Tax Collector Expense	4,614.33	4,614.33	---
Tax Title Foreclosure Costs	400.00	---	400.00
Assessors Salaries	3,630.00	3,630.00	---
Assessors Clerk Salary	5,740.00	5,740.00	---
Assessors Expense	2,950.46	2,950.46	---
Finance Committee Expense	95.00	95.00	---
Town Clerk Salary	2,381.00	2,381.00	---
Town Clerk Expense	469.73	469.73	---
Town Counsel	5,000.00	5,000.00	---
Town Counsel (Bill of Pr.Yr.)	1,281.25	1,281.25	---
Planning Board Expense	500.00	105.25	394.75
Board of Appeals Expense	351.70	351.70	---
Town Hall Custodian	5,624.00	5,411.67	212.33
Town Hall Maintenance	9,000.00	9,000.00	---
Lawn Mower, Town Hall	250.00	---	250.00
Constables Wages	249.50	249.50	---
Constables Expenses	30.00	---	30.00
Police Chief Salary	24,000.00	24,000.00	---
Police Chief Holiday Pay	960.00	864.00	96.00
2nd Full-time Police Officer	17,500.00	15,143.85	2,356.15
Special Police Wages	15,663.00	14,499.64	1,163.36
Police Liability Insurance	5,790.00	5,088.00	702.00
Police Dept.Exp.1988 Encumb.	61.48	61.48	---

Police Dept. Operating Exp.	19,545.00	19,405.52	139.48
Multi-Purpose Vehicle	27,000.00	27,000.00	---
Emerg. Medical Personnel Serv.	4,000.00	778.97	3,221.03
Fire Dept. Salaries	2,150.00	2,150.00	---
Fire Dept. Wages	10,500.00	8,429.70	2,070.30
Fire Dept. Oper. Exp.			
(Bill of Pr.Yr.)	179.89	179.89	---
Fire Dept. Oper. Exp.	13,442.01	13,442.01	---
Inspection Fees	1,000.00	980.00	20.00
Hose & Equipment	6,500.00	5,891.93	608.07
Hydrants	1,500.00	1,500.00	---
Water Holes	1,000.00	---	1,000.00
New Fire Truck	139,967.24	139,967.24	---
Maintenance of Fire Station	5,000.00	4,343.52	656.48
Replace Overhead Doors,			
Fire Station	6,500.00	6,416.85	83.15
Communication Pagers, Fire Dept.	2,000.00	2,000.00	---
Tree Dept. Wages	6,000.00	4,490.75	1,509.25
Tree Dept. Expenses	1,000.00	640.07	359.93
Insect & Pest Control	414.00	---	414.00
Wire Inspector Program	5,107.96	5,107.96	---
Building Inspector Salary	6,300.00	6,300.00	---
Building Inspector Expense	500.00	463.83	36.17
Assistant Building Inspector	350.00	82.40	267.60
Dog Officer	1,500.00	937.50	562.50
Dog Officer Expense	1,200.00	232.66	967.34
Civil Defense	1,000.00	10.35	989.65
Fence Viewers, Pound Keepers,			
Field Drivers	1.00	---	1.00
Board of Health Salaries	1,361.00	1,338.31	22.69
Bd. of Health Exp (Bill of Pr.Yr.)	207.20	207.20	---
Nursing Services & Expense	10,000.00	10,000.00	---
Shared Health Agent	2,159.81	2,159.81	---
Health Inspections	8,800.00	955.00	7,845.00
Animal Inspector	525.00	405.00	120.00
Sewer Commission Salaries	817.00	817.00	---
Sewer Comm. Expense	67.00	27.94	39.06
Sewer Dept. Collector	385.00	385.00	---
Sewer Dept. Wages	24,150.00	23,482.26	667.74
Oper. & Maint. Sewer Plant	19,338.00	18,466.85	871.15
Beehive Sewer Project	6,700.17	6,700.17	---
Main St. Sewer Extension	2,007.61	2,007.61	---
Highway Superintendent Expense	800.00	782.09	17.91
Highway Dept. Wages	78,355.00	77,935.23	419.77
Snow Removal Wages	38,204.00	31,550.16	6,653.84
Snow Removal Expenses	36,200.00	40,371.65	- 4,171.65
Machinery Maintenance	52,011.00	45,215.51	6,795.49
Mach. Maint. 1988 Encumb.	1,893.84	1,893.84	---
Mach. Maint. (Bill of Pr.Yr.)	96.76	96.76	---
Highways, Bridges & Railings	69,600.00	66,253.39	3,346.61
Maintenance of Hwy. Garage	4,000.00	2,765.18	1,234.82
Oiling & Stoning	18,000.00	16,552.80	1,447.20
Tractor/Loader	22,000.00	17,635.00	4,365.00
Ch. 637 (Acts of 1983)	8,117.88	8,117.88	---

Brush Chipper	4,839.86	4,839.86	---
Bridge Replacement, Keyup Brk. & 4-Mi.Brk.	9,502.01	9,494.98	7.03
Highway Tools	800.00	741.98	58.02
Garage Tools	200.00	200.00	---
Street Lights	29,000.00	24,570.36	4,429.64
Hwy. Bounds, Surveys, St.Lists	1.00	---	1.00
Waste Disposal	60,132.96	60,132.96	---
Solid Waste Planning Committee	475.00	475.00	---
Soldiers Relief	4,675.20	4,675.20	---
Maint. Athletic Field	600.00	498.02	101.98
Conservation Commission	225.00	134.57	90.43
Conserv.Comm.1988 Encumb.Funds	10.08	10.08	---
Reserve Fund	10,000.00	10,000.00	---
Grant, Main St.Planning Prog.	13,000.00	2,800.00	10,200.00
Emergency Medical Transport	12,400.00	12,361.33	38.67
Land Damages	1.00	---	1.00
Town Reports	2,058.00	2,058.00	---
Memorial Day	1,012.63	1,012.63	---
Audit of Town Records	8,100.00	8,100.00	---
Insurance, Ch. 32B	59,793.47	58,511.15	1,282.32
Other Insurance	70,000.00	56,553.93	13,446.07
Alexander Hall	340.00	99.82	240.18
Town Clock	75.00	---	75.00
Historical Society Building	300.00	300.00	---
Historical Commission	200.00	186.65	13.35
Hist.Soc.Bldg.1988 Encumb.	50.00	50.00	---
Medicare Tax	5,749.61	5,749.61	---
Council on Aging	2,747.00	2,747.00	---
Elem.Sch.Committee Salaries	1,103.00	1,103.00	---
Elem.Sch.1988 Encumb.Funds	17,533.00	17,533.00	---
Elem.Sch. (Bill of Pr.Yr.)	3,087.00	3,087.00	---
Elementary School	651,452.84	650,721.59	731.25
School Bldg.Study Committee	10,000.00	10,000.00	---
Pioneer Valley Regional Sch.	564,455.50	564,455.50	---
Fr. Co. Technical School	79,409.78	74,936.88	4,472.90
Dickinson Library Wages	29,816.00	29,003.56	812.44
Dickinson Library Expenses	17,704.00	15,417.14	2,286.86
Northfield Farms Library	400.00	400.00	---
Cemetery Wages & Contr.Serv.	750.00	559.42	190.58
Cemetery Expenses	50.00	25.85	24.15
Prepare Pentecost Rd.Cemetery	1,465.16	1,465.16	---
W. Northfield Cemetery	1,197.59	1,197.59	---
Interest	2,166.56	2,166.56	---
Maturing Debt., East St. Sewer & Drainage	65,298.22	65,273.99	24.23
		\$2,482,397.65	
Unexpended Balances Closed to Revenue			\$81,890.91

Administrative Assistant	25,975.64	18,937.35	7,038.29
Copy Mach. Supplies & Service	1,500.00	1,487.96	12.04
Elections & Registration	2,000.00	1,961.97	38.03
Renovations to Town Hall	7,000.00	2,201.28	4,798.72
Seal Foundation, Town Hall	2,000.00	---	2,000.00
Police Dept. Gifts	286.53	---	286.53
Camera, etc.	514.10	---	514.10
Board of Health Exp.	2,000.00	1,971.60	28.40
Infil/Inflow Sewer Project	77,729.90	31,638.54	46,091.36
Eng. Serv. Within Town	15,525.34	---	15,525.34
Sewer Line & Conn. to Dickinson Library	2,500.00	---	2,500.00
New Highway Garage	2,071.31	383.14	1,688.17
Reconstruct Certain Roads	24,000.00	7,714.35	16,285.65
Pine Meadow Rd., Ch. 90-type, Town share	5,250.00	---	5,250.00
Ch. 234 (Acts of 1984)	28.53	---	28.53
Ch. 811 (Acts of 1985)	11,570.15	10,671.50	898.65
Ch. 140 (Acts of 1985)	26,102.00	9,070.60	17,031.40
Ch. 206 (Acts of 1986)	27,928.00	---	27,928.00
Old Turnpike Rd.	918.65	---	918.65
Survey Boundaries of Certain Town Ways	1,500.00	---	1,500.00
Sidewalks	3,778.13	---	3,778.13
Establish Recycling Station	2,300.00	128.00	2,172.00
Elementary School	31,326.16	---	31,326.16
Sch. Floor & Roof Repl. Proj.	10,500.00	9,508.55	991.45
Gift to Dickinson Library	1,399.40	746.78	652.62
Recreation Comm.	9,050.00	9,017.67	32.33
Mass. A.P.R. Program	5,000.00	---	5,000.00
Insurance, Ch. 32B	956.53	---	956.53
Town Clock Gift	10.51	---	10.51
Hist. Soc. Bldg. Ceiling Repair	1,500.00	21.60	1,478.40
		\$105,460.89	\$196,727.66
Unexpended Balanced Forwarded to 1990			

FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

Assessors Revaluation	10,910.00	10,910.00	---
Old Turnpike Road	5,000.00	---	5,000.00
Brush Chipper	4,974.14	4,974.14	---
Hist. Soc. Bldg. Ceiling Repair	5,726.00	3,975.00	1,751.00
		\$19,859.14	\$6,751.00
Unexpended Balances Forwarded to 1990			

OTHER PAYMENTS

Purchase of Investments:

General Cash	651,192.66	
Stabilization Fund	8,060.17	
E.O.C.D. Funds (Hous. Rehab.)	32,796.85	
Ch. 637 & Ch. 811 Hwy. Funds	4,015.63	696,065.31

Temporary Loan in Antic. of Revenue		200,000.00
Refunds:		
Personal Prop.& Real Estate Taxes	4,275.55	
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	2,336.77	
Other	<u>41.00</u>	6,653.32
Payroll Deductions:		
Fed. With. Taxes	95,412.31	
State With. Taxes	38,484.17	
Group Health Insurance	35,048.66	
Life Insurance	821.38	
County Retirement	27,548.43	
Teachers Retirement	23,844.51	
Teachers Dues	3,405.50	
Medicare	<u>5,749.61</u>	260,970.57
Agency Funds:		
Dog Licenses Coll. for County	808.00	
Police Extra-Duty Detail	6,687.36	
River Boating Enforcement	444.00	
Meals Tax	<u>26.75</u>	7,966.11
Transfers to Trust Funds:		
Library Fund Income	3,636.89	
Other Fund Income	6,888.90	
Perpetual Care Cemetery Fund	<u>300.00</u>	10,825.79
Trust Funds Expended:		
P. Bowman Library Fund	4,160.84	
Belcher Library Fund	1,500.00	
Marine Stanley Library Fund	162.31	
C. Ina Merriman Library Fund	<u>10.74</u>	5,833.89
Perpetual Care Cemeteries:		
Center Cemetery	2,347.96	
Northfield Farms Cemetery	661.28	
Mt. Hermon Cemetery	296.85	
So. Mountain Cemetery	9.58	
Pentecost Rd. Cemetery	24.18	
W. Northfield Cemetery	<u>1,220.15</u>	4,560.00
Revolving Funds:		
Recreation Comm.	6,895.54	
School Lunch	<u>26,401.51</u>	33,297.05
State Education Grants:		
Horace Mann	1,591.00	
School Improvement	1,972.52	
Equal Ed. Opportunity	21,215.00	
Early Childhood	39,732.41	
Inservice Grants	<u>1,481.00</u>	65,991.93

Arts Lottery Grant	1,010.00
Council on Aging Grants	791.29
State Aid to Library	4,749.26
Fees Repaid to Tax Collector	4,695.00
Fees Repaid to Town Clerk	1,166.25

Tailings	426.50
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County Tax	22,755.00
County Retirement System	39,502.00
Veterans' Service Center	4,590.36

State Assessments:

Motor Vehicle Tax Bills	392.00	
Air Pollution Control District	437.00	
Fr. Co. Reg. Trans. Auth.	<u>1,660.00</u>	2,489.00

Total Payments (General)	\$3,950,491.06	
" (Revenue Sharing)	<u>19,859.14</u>	\$3,970,350.20

Cash on Hand 6/30/89 (General)	146,976.04	
" (Rev. Sharing)	<u>2.37</u>	146,978.41
		<u>\$4,117,328.61</u>

Less Warrants Payable		<u>182,249.88</u>
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\$3,935,078.73

MODERATOR'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		80.00
Dues	8.00	
Postage	3.00	
Supplies	5.50	
Personal Services (Town Mtg.)	25.00	41.50
Balance to Revenue	38.50	80.00

SELECTMEN'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		4,900.00
Surplus Revenue		1,450.00
Telephone	1,661.36	
Telephone System Purchase	1,029.12	
Advertising	241.84	
Postage & Meter Expense	725.42	
Real Estate Appraisal	275.00	
Copies	519.68	
Printing	12.00	

Supplies	508.85	
Law Books	387.65	
Secretary's Work Station	194.88	
Association Dues	471.00	
Mileage (Ad.Asst.)	233.20	
Personal Services (Town Mtgs.)	90.00	6,350.00

COPY MACHINE SUPPLIES & SERVICE

Appropriation		1,200.00
Reserve Fund		300.00
Paper	307.73	
Supplies	231.85	
Parts & Service	948.38	1,487.96
Balance to 1990	12.04	1,500.00

ACCOUNTANT'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		300.00
Telephone	38.27	
Postage	25.55	
Supplies	77.58	
Meetings & Dues	127.50	268.90
Balance to Revenue	31.10	300.00

TREASURER'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		1,700.00
Reserve Fund		323.01
Postage	364.09	
Telephone	2.80	
Supplies	130.19	
Bank Expense	847.91	
Mileage	60.00	
Treasurer's Bond	239.00	
Other Charges	218.97	
Other Purchased Services	69.05	1,932.01

TAX COLLECTOR EXPENSE

Appropriation		4,100.00
Reserve Fund		514.33
Postage	1,487.79	
Date Processing	2,188.54	
Other Purchased Serv(Printing)	211.00	
Supplies	199.02	
School & Mileage	118.61	
Dues	17.50	
Collector's Bonds	386.00	
Telephone	5.87	4,614.33

ASSESSOR'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		2,950.00
Reserve Fund		.46
Data Processing	753.00	
Registry of Deeds	248.50	
Map Update	1,385.39	
Bind Books	243.61	
Postage	39.05	
Supplies	129.41	
Dues	38.00	
Mileage & Meetings	113.50	2,950.46

TOWN CLERK EXPENSE

Appropriation		400.00
Reserve Fund		69.73
Postage	31.60	
Telephone	28.51	
Microfilm Storage	48.00	
Supplies	276.62	
Dues	35.00	
Town Clerk's Bond	50.00	469.73

ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION

Appropriation		2,000.00
Registrar's Wages	347.50	
Election Wages	1,561.85	
Postage	25.00	
Supplies	27.62	1,961.97
Balance to 1990	38.03	2,000.00

PLANNING BOARD EXPENSE

Appropriation		500.00
Postage	4.75	
Advertising	40.50	
Dues	60.00	105.25
Balance to Revenue	394.75	500.00

BOARD OF APPEALS EXPENSE

Appropriation		275.00
Reserve Fund		76.70
Advertising	193.14	
Postage	53.20	
Supplies	5.36	
File Cabinet	100.00	351.70

TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		9,000.00
Electricity	2,617.56	
Repairs & Maintenance	707.08	

Rubbish Collection	1,073.44	
Water	123.04	
Supplies	639.14	
Fuel	3,837.74	9,000.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATING EXPENSE

Appropriation		19,545.00
Telephone	422.16	
Dispatch Service	5,212.35	
Gasoline	3,793.36	
Other Cruiser Expense	4,477.72	
Purchased Services	2,916.51	
Supplies	1,315.41	
Uniforms	1,078.39	
Equipment	189.62	19,405.52
Balance to Revenue	139.48	19,545.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATING EXPENSE

Appropriation		12,500.00
Reserve Fund		942.01
Telephone	1,013.65	
Dispatch Service	4,255.75	
Other Purchased Services	3,671.72	
Gas & Diesel Fuel	653.73	
Other Charges	215.75	
Supplies	3,631.41	13,442.01

MAINTENANCE OF FIRE STATION

Appropriation		5,000.00
Electricity	2,190.46	
Fuel	2,011.09	
Water	141.97	4,343.52
Balance to Revenue	656.48	5,000.00

INSPECTION FEES

Appropriation		1,000.00
Fire Dept. Inspections	750.00	
Gas Inspections	230.00	980.00
Balance to Revenue	20.00	1,000.00

BUILDING INSPECTOR EXPENSE

Appropriation		500.00
Postage & Telephone	47.53	
Printing	20.00	
Mileage	109.20	
Supplies	287.10	463.83
Balance to Revenue	36.17	500.00

BOARD OF HEALTH EXPENSES

Appropriation		2,000.00
Plumbing Inspections	1,608.33	
Postage, Telephone, Printing	19.65	
Clinic Wages	42.00	
Supplies	301.62	1,971.60
Balance to 1990	28.40	2,000.00

NURSING SERVICES & EXPENSE

Appropriation		10,000.00
Nurse's Wages	9,586.60	
Telephone	13.24	
Supplies	145.18	
Mileage	254.98	10,000.00

OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF SEWER PLANT

Appropriation		19,338.00
Telephone	299.70	
Electricity	6,962.23	
Water	216.64	
Engineering Services	3,500.00	
Other Purchased Services	3,371.55	
Supplies	3,827.73	
Mileage	14.00	
Other Charges	275.00	18,466.85
Balance to Revenue	871.15	19,338.00

BEEHIVE SEWER PROJECT

Balance, Gift		6,700.17
Survey	1,000.00	
Legal Expense	100.00	
Other Purchased Services	100.00	
Balance refunded to donor	5,500.17	6,700.17

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT EXPENSE

Appropriation		800.00
Telephone	469.34	
Advertising	42.78	
Supplies	269.97	782.09
Balance to Revenue	17.91	800.00

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT WAGES

Appropriation		78,355.00
Sick	2,284.39	
Vacations	4,615.56	
Holidays	4,202.88	
Hwys., Bridges & Railings	66,517.88	
Overtime	314.52	77,935.23
Balance to Revenue	419.77	78,355.00

SNOW REMOVAL WAGES

Appropriation		38,204.00
Regular	21,140.34	
Overtime	10,409.82	31,550.16
Balance to Revenue	6,653.84	38,204.00

SNOW REMOVAL EXPENSE

Appropriation		36,200.00
Salt	24,105.26	
Sand	16,056.39	
Sidewalks	210.00	40,371.65
Deficit to 1990	4,171.65	36,200.00

MACHINERY MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		52,011.00
Purchased Services	8,284.60	
Diesel Fuel & Gasoline	8,853.34	
Supplies	28,017.57	
Other Charges	60.00	45,215.51
Balance to Revenue	6,795.49	52,011.00

HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES AND RAILINGS

Appropriation		69,600.00
Purchased Services	13,432.16	
Materials	52,821.23	66,253.39
Balance to Revenue	3,346.61	69,600.00

CHAPTER 637 (ACTS OF 1983) (Mt. Hermon Sta. Rd.)

Balance		7,925.56
Interest Added		192.32
Wages	1,468.20	
Hired Machinery	730.50	
Material	5,919.18	8,117.88

CHAPTER 811 (ACTS OF 1985)

Balance		4,200.94
Added (Comm. of Mass. Flood Payment)		6,945.96
Interest Added		423.25
Material	10,671.50	10,671.50
Balance to 1990	898.65	11,570.15

CHAPTER 140 (ACTS OF 1985) (Winchester Road)

Temporary Note		26,102.00
Wages	8,489.60	
Town Machinery	581.00	9,070.60
Balance to 1990	17,031.40	26,102.00

BRIDGE REPLACEMENT - KEYUP BROOK & 4-MILE BROOK

Balance		- 17,097.64
Rec. from Commonwealth		26,599.65
Wages	822.90	
Culvert	8,118.08	
Town Machinery	554.00	26,592.62
Balance to Revenue	7.03	

MAINTENANCE OF HIGHWAY GARAGE

Appropriation		4,000.00
Electricity	1,365.28	
Purchased Services	353.55	
Fuel	858.75	
Supplies	187.60	2,765.18
Balance to Revenue	1,234.82	

WASTE DISPOSAL

Appropriation		55,000.00
Reserve Fund		5,132.96
Wages	9,877.04	
Electricity	954.59	
Glass Shed	117.66	
Fire Extinguisher	114.72	
Purchased Services	49,054.10	60,132.96

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Appropriation		682,779.00
Fiscal Year 1989 Encumbered		17,553.00
Teachers' Salaries	332,097.69	
Supt. Salary	15,762.96	
Administrative Asst. Salary	6,167.06	
Clerks' Salaries	17,045.98	
Custodian Salaries	25,010.26	
Travel	1,456.00	
Nurse Salary	4,720.80	
Health Aide Salary	239.00	
Health Supplies	179.24	
Physician	500.00	
Transportation	60,556.05	
Textbooks	539.67	
Library Books/Supplies	1,309.48	
Audio Visual Aids	226.16	
Testing Services	1,243.27	
Sundry Education	3,069.85	
Course Reimbursements	3,413.93	
Special Needs	110,632.31	
Student Supplies	7,992.54	
Principal's Office Supplies	589.72	
Janitors' Supplies	2,145.08	
Fuel	11,328.30	
Water	831.88	
Electricity	8,637.28	

Repairs & Maintenance	17,008.47	
Telephone	1,469.19	
Replace Equipment	7,116.41	
Special Projects	17,958.21	
Newspaper Advert.	1,845.24	
Superintendent Professional Dues	332.99	
Committee Expense	435.04	
Counsel Fees	70.53	
Employee Benefits	7,701.72	
Cafeteria	500.00	
Insurance	399.36	
Supt. Office Expense	3,266.50	
New Equipment	4,281.46	
Census Enumerator	175.00	668,254.63
To 1990	31,326.16	
Balance to Revenue	731.25	700,312.04

DICKINSON LIBRARY EXPENSES

Appropriation		17,704.00
Electricity	1,251.01	
Telephone	265.58	
Fuel	2,110.97	
Water	90.00	
Postage	85.00	
Building Supp. & Maint.	356.29	
Library Supp. & Exp.	826.87	
Books	9,316.74	
Papers & Magazines	1,069.88	
Mileage	44.80	15,417.14
Balance to Revenue	2,286.86	17,704.00

RECREATION COMMISSION

Appropriation		9,050.00
Wages	7,269.59	
Supplies	531.82	
Advert.	56.94	
Admissions & Bus	442.50	
Purchased Services	688.82	
Post Office Box	28.00	9,017.67
Balance to Revenue	32.33	9,050.00

RECREATION COMMISSION REVOLVING FUNDS

Balance		2,407.96
Receipts: Contradances	4,681.00	
Karate Classes	1,260.00	
Aerobics Classes	552.00	
Boston Aquarium Adm.	80.25	
Swimming Classes	98.46	
Interest Income	153.59	6,825.30

Payments: Contradances	4,145.00	
Karate	940.00	
Aerobics	840.00	
Boston Aquarium	80.25	
Pool, Gym rental	450.00	
Life Guards	120.00	
Supplies	87.79	
Boat Ride & Campout	160.00	
Basketball Program	60.00	
Postage	12.50	6,895.54

Balance to 1990	2,337.72	9,233.26
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MAINTENANCE OF ATHLETIC FIELD

Appropriation		600.00
Wages	469.70	
Gasoline, etc.	28.32	498.02
Balance to Revenue	101.98	600.00

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Appropriation		225.00
Advertising	22.95	
Postage	11.62	
Dues	100.00	134.57
Balance to Revenue	90.43	225.00

MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation		1,000.00
Reserve Fund		12.63
Flags	580.63	
Plants	432.00	1,012.63

INSURANCE

Appropriation		70,000.00
Unemployment Insurance	818.43	
Workmen's Compensation	11,112.82	
Multi-Peril & Vehicles	40,242.00	
Public Officials' Liability	2,740.00	
Police Accident	651.75	
Fire Accident	988.93	56,553.93
Balance to Revenue	13,446.07	70,000.00

COUNCIL ON AGING

Appropriation		2,747.00
Purchased Services	2,221.50	
Supplies	459.50	
Other Charges	66.00	2,747.00

CEMETERY WAGES & CONTRACTURAL SERVICES

Appropriation		750.00
Cemetery Commissioner	75.00	
So. Mtn. Cemetery	48.57	
Coller Cemetery	47.41	
Pentecost Rd. Cemetery	361.44	
Printing	26.00	
Other Charges	1.00	559.42
Balance to Revenue	190.58	750.00

P.C. CENTER CEMETERY

Balance		9,509.97
Interest Added		2,224.98
Water	90.00	
Contracted Services	2,099.96	
C.V. R.R.	50.00	
Equipment	108.00	2,347.96
Balance to 1990	9,386.99	11,734.95

P.C. NORTHFIELD FARMS CEMETERY

Balance		3,521.09
Interest Added		637.39
Contracted Services	505.77	
Supplies & Equip.	155.51	661.28
Balance to 1990	3,497.20	4,158.48

P.C. MT. HERMON CEMETERY

Balance		3,397.76
Interest Added		492.28
Contracted Services	285.12	
Equipment	11.73	296.85
Balance to 1990	3,593.19	3,890.04

P.C. SO. MOUNTAIN CEMETERY

Balance		2.41
Interest Added		9.55
Contracted Service	9.58	9.58
Balance to 1990	2.38	11.96

P.C. PENTECOST ROAD CEMETERY

Balance		24.18
Contracted Service	24.18	24.18

Respectfully submitted,

Ethel D. Fowler
ACCOUNTANT

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Nineteen eighty-nine has been a very busy year for the Northfield Police Department. It is the first year since its inception that we have had a regular full-time night patrol, and statistics reflect a dramatic change in crime control. We have handled a massive 5,504 calls in 1989. As a result of our new 2nd officer's diligent efforts we have taken 35 drunk drivers off the streets of Northfield as opposed to 12 the year before. The total number of arrests have skyrocketed from an average of 30 per year to 103 for 1989. We have successfully prosecuted all but two of those arrests which represents a 98% conviction rate. This single statistic is the best crime deterrent that we have. Crime rates in various categories are dropping dramatically. Juvenile crime is down. We have placed great emphasis on traffic control due to the number of residents' complaints of speeding in front of their homes. We issued 725 citations this past year in answer to that response which is a 241% increase over the previous three years. Surprisingly it is not the residents of Northfield creating this problem. It is transient traffic. Only 23 residents were cited as opposed to 702 transient drivers. There were 438 warnings issued. These citations netted \$30,000 to Northfield's general fund and free cash. We are working very hard to keep our streets safe. We are also putting great emphasis into the controlling of drugs and drug education for our school children. Hopefully by September of this year we will be installing a new drug program, "DARE", in our elementary school (drug abuse resistance education), teaching our children to say NO to drugs. I am looking forward to working with Joan Benneyan, our elementary school Principal, and the other teachers in making this a successful endeavor.

1989 STATISTICS

Service Calls

Alarms	68
Animal	116
Assist Fire	17
Assist Agency	2
Assist Other P.D.	161
Assist Bank	51
Assist Person	55
F.I.D.	31
Found Property	10
House Check	103
Pistol Permit	46
Medical	63
General Service	490
TOTAL	1213

Motor Vehicles

M.V. Accidents	95
M.V. D.E. Tags	2
M.V. Disabled	69
M.V. Leaving Scene	5
M.V. Citation	725
M.V. Warning	438
M.V. Suspicious	42
M.V. Recovered	3
M.V. Stolen	3
M.V. Towed	46
Recreation Veh. Violation	11
TOTAL	1439

Department Activity

Police Calls

Annoying Calls	22
Arson	0

Arrest:	
a. Adult	98
b. Juvenile	5
* Type of Arrest:	

Assault	7	Atchng. plates., unreg.,	
Break & Entry	31	unins. & other	1
Deaths	1	Malicious Destruction	5
Disturbances:		Unlic. & M.V. viol.	4
a. Domestic	37	Drugs	5
b. Neighbor	8	DDI	35
c. Disorderly Per.	9	Criminal Receiving	5
d. Noise	18	Assault & Battery	1
e. Juvenile	13	Disorderly Conduct	4
Drug/Alcohol Related	10	Lic. Susp.	14
Larceny:		Minor Transporting	2
a. Property	20	Restraining Order Viol.	1
b. By Check	1	Warrant	3
Missing Person	8	Lvg. Scene of Accident	1
Runaway	3	Larceny	3
Sexual Crimes	5	Criminal Trespass	1
Suspicious Person	27	Break & Entry	1
Firearms Related	7	Abandoned Veh. & Other	1
Traffic Duty	17	Protective Custody	16
Trespass	1	Court Appearance	96
Vandalism	46	D.A.'s Office	19
Weapons Violation	3	District Court	91
Miscellaneous	459	Court Order Served	24
TOTAL	732	Investigations	48
		Public Functions	27
		Misc. Activity	1815
		TOTAL	2120

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Richard F. Taerner
POLICE DEPARTMENT

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

With our regular work, grading and graveling dirt roads, repairing and replacing guardrails and signs, and extensive drainage work was done cleaning culverts and ditches.

Town roads were swept, six miles of roads were patched, shaped and were oiled and stoned. Grass along all roads was mowed.

Chapter 90 work:

Winchester Road = 1700 ft. was scarified, graveled, drainage installed, and the roadway widened to a 24-ft. surface. Due to the Telephone Co. strike we were unable to finish this portion until poles are moved.

Pine Meadow Road = Approximately 1 mile of roadway was scarified, regreveled and resealed.

installed. The roadway was widened to a 24-ft. surface, alignment of the roadway was done to improve site distance and a gravel surface was installed. There are more subdrains scheduled for this year.

Respectfully submitted,

David "Mike" Gibson
HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

1989 Annual Town Report of the
NORTHFIELD HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Northfield Historical Commission received a matching grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission this year and has been consulting with the Pioneer Planning Commission regarding the best use of these funds.

Three new members have joined the Commission since the last report: Charles Field, Paul Gorzocoski, and Sandra Price. Members of the Commission sent a letter to Rosa Johnston thanking her for her many years of dedicated service to the Commission.

Last May during National Historic Week, the Commission, in conjunction with the Northfield Historical Society, sponsored a public talk on Northfield history. The talk was given by Commission Chair, Kathleen Nutter, who presented the results of her research on Stearns, the builder, and economic survival at that time in Northfield's history. The paper, "The Builder Calvin Stearns: Methods of Survival in the Rural Economy", has now been published in The Historical Journal of Massachusetts (January, 1990). The Commission is now planning for next May's events.

The Commission looks forward to working more closely in 1990 with the Planning Board in Northfield, as future growth needs and and maintaining historical integrity are addressed.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Nutter, Chair
Sandra Price, Sec'y/Treas.
Mary Porter
Alice Lord
Charles Field
Paul Gorzocoski
HISTORICAL COMMISSION

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FRED W. WELLS TRUSTEES

Funds available for the fiscal year 1989-1990 were \$137,545.90 which were allocated to three specific areas: Education, Health, and Agriculture.

EDUCATION - The Trustees received 234 applications for education grants and approved 157 students to receive \$106,495.00. The Trustees spent many hours on the selection process to ensure that as many students as possible could receive scholarship aid.

HEALTH - Six (6) health programs were proposed and approved. Funds were paid to Mohawk Valley Medical Center, Visiting Nurse Association, Hospice Program to assist with the increased patient load for terminally ill, Western Mass. Food Bank, Nelcwit, and Western Mass. Children with Attention Deficit Disorders (better known as C.H.A.D.D.). These programs received a total of \$25,000.00.

AGRICULTURE - Prizes for agricultural accomplishments were awarded through the Franklin County Fair and the Heath Fair. Franklin County Fair accomplishments were \$4,850.90. Heath Fair accomplishments were \$1,200.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Theodore G. Penick, Trustee

Report of

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS,
BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS,
PLANNING BOARD-BOARD OF APPEALS

The Zoning Board of Appeals conducted several meetings jointly with the Planning Board in an effort to coordinate future town growth and regulatory by-laws.

During the year the Zoning Board had 14 separate hearings. Five variances were granted, many of which involved additions and new buildings closer to property lines than legally allowed. Five special permits for businesses were also granted:

- 1) bed and breakfast
- 2) antique shop
- 3) retail sales
- 4) dog kennel
- 5) psychotherapy office

The Zoning Board was also involved in a court case and appeal which we won.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Shearer, Chairman
Raymond Clark
Donald Lippack
Stanley Gaida
Thomas J. Russell
Robert G. Barnes, Assoc. Mbr.
Joanne McGee, " "
Marguerite Lentz, " "
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

WIRING INSPECTOR REPORT

There were 97 wiring permits issued for Northfield during the calendar year 1989 totalling \$3,505.00 in fees.

I have appreciated your cooperation and the assistance of all town officials over the past years. Thank you.

Edward F. Marchefka
Wiring Inspector
FRANKLIN COUNTY COOPERATIVE
WIRING INSPECTOR PROGRAM

COUNCIL ON AGING REPORT

The year 1989 has been a busy year for the Council on Aging and Seniors of Northfield.

Health services for the year have been:

- = Hearing tests by Franklin Medical Center audiologist to all residents free of charge.
- = Flu Clinic by the Town Nurse to many residents, and blood pressure clinics the second Tuesday of each month for all interested residents.
- = Brown bag surplus government food is still available and distributed to 44 families in Northfield. P.V.R.S. students have helped to carry the heavy bags.

The Council on Aging now still serves area residents with rides totaling 4,114 for the year. These rides are available to disabled and elderly people making living at home a possible way of life.

The students from Northfield Elementary School and Joanne Balzarini have arranged several programs with the seniors and students strengthening the intergenerational gap.

Pioneer Valley Regional School band and chorus also performed with holiday songs. The high school invited all seniors for a lovely Thanksgiving dinner.

Some other programs of interest have been with a lawyer helping people cope with the complexity of these days of change; estate planning, paying for health care, and probate.

Franklin County Regional Housing Authority spoke about "Turning Equity into Cash".

On May 12, 1989 the gold-headed cane was presented to Arthur J. Green for his 100th birthday. Upon his death, the cane will now be passed on to Fred Chapman as Northfield's oldest resident now residing

at Charlene Manor. Fred is the brother of Pearl Allen, an active Senior Center member.

Joanne Balzarini hosted Western Mass. Council on Aging at the Bernardston Elementary School with Bernardston Selectman, Dan O'Keefe, greeting attendees. Joanne has been elected Vice-President of WMACA; these are councils of Berkshire, Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin Counties. This position will make her job more visible and informed of area-wide programs and legislation affecting town elders. Gladys Boyle is a Franklin County representative to WMACA also.

Director Balzarini serves as outreach worker for town elders and their families, helping with fuel assistance, housing, home care, legal aide, mental health, substance abuse problems and other concerns.

All seniors are welcome to share our meals and programs at noon Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at the Town Hall. Our wheelchair lift van is available for rides to the meal site. Notice of a day in advance is necessary to order meals and arrange rides. Wednesday and Friday the Bernardston Center is open 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tel: 648-9616. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday are Northfield days, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tel: 498-2186. Calls are received at either center.

The director and seniors thank the town for the support received to help the center's operation.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Balzarini, Director
COUNCIL ON AGING

DEPT. OF VETERANS' SERVICES
Annual Report, 1989

Dear Board of Selectmen and Citizens:

It is the function of this office to assist those veterans and their dependents in their times of need. The Veterans' Services Department is a one-stop center for those seeking aid, assistance and advice in Chapter 115, Mass. General Laws. The Agent and Director counsels, files claims, and explores every avenue of resource and revenue available.

I am working more closely with the Div. of Employment Security in finding out what jobs are available in the surrounding area. I also work hand in hand with the Mass. Rehabilitation Commission to help those unable to return to part-time or full-time employment due to age, physical or emotional disability. We seek to secure a degree of

financial stability that will allow the individual to maintain one's self esteem and dignity.

Being a veteran does not make entitlements automatic. The eligibility to receive entitlements from the Dept. of Veterans' Services and from the Veterans' Administration must be determined and shown. The local Veterans' Agents and Directors of Veterans' Services will assist veterans and their dependents in securing benefits and entitlements that they are entitled to receive. That is the responsibility of Veterans' Services.

Sincerely,

Leo J. Parent, Jr.
Director/Veterans' Agent

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS' REPORT - 1989

Northfield's cemeteries have received their usual care and maintenance during 1989. Expenditures for same may be found in the Town Accountant's report. The following receipts were recorded for 1989:

From Richard B. & Anna W. Card, 141 Cleveland St., Greenfield, Ma., for Lot #1 (2 graves) in Northfield Farms Cemetery	\$200.00
For Perpetual Care of same	200.00
From Stephen & Morita Kozma, Gill Rd., Northfield, for Lot #27-B in W. Northfield Cemetery (2 graves)	200.00
From Roger M. & Maria C. Rogers, 23 Oakridge Rd., Holliston, Ma. for Lots #65 & 66 in Pentecost Rd. Cemetery	200.00
For Perpetual Care of same	200.00
From Sara Ely, 88 Main St., Northfield, for Lot #124 in Pentecost Rd. Cemetery	100.00
From Margaret M. Asseng, Northfield, Lot #30 1/2 (2 graves) in Northfield Farms Cemetery	200.00
From Mrs. Robert Hartwell, Northfield, for Lots #23 & #24 in Pentecost Rd. Cemetery	200.00
From Sandra Hartwell, 104 Main St., Northfield for Lot #74 in Pentecost Rd. Cemetery	100.00
From John H. Stevens, 136 Third St., Turners Falls, for Lot #27A (2 graves) in W. Northfield Cemetery	200.00
For Perpetual Care of same	200.00

From Edna K. Coyne & Shirley K. Tychsen, 204 Main St.,
Northfield, for Lot #37 in W.Northfield Cemetery 100.00
For Perpetual care of same 100.00

From Edward A. & Barbara A. Gregory, 138 So. Shelburne
Rd., Greenfield, for Lot #11 (4 graves) in Northfield
Farms Cemetery 400.00

TOTAL \$2,600.00

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Bassett
Horace F. Field
Richard H. Bassett
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

BUILDING COMMISSION REPORT

Building permits issued - 214

	<u>Value</u>	<u>Fees</u>
New houses - 29	\$ 2,220,700.	\$ 8,862.80
Additions - 30	153,350.	1,700.40
Repair & Alterations - 30	140,802.	1,561.40
Garages - 9	72,300.	429.20
Certificates of Inspection - 64	-0-	1,671.50
Signs - 4	400.	40.00
Stoves - 4	-0-	40.00
Storage Sheds (Farm & Misc. Use) - 25	83,907.	962.69
Swimming Pools - 8	9,600.	200.00
Demolitions (Camps & sheds) - 9	-0-	90.00
Tents (Non-res.) - 4	-0-	80.00
Const. Trailer (Non-res.) - 1	-0-	50.00
Use & Occupancy Permits (Res.) - 32	-0-	-0-
Permit Renewal - 1	-0-	10.00

Totals: \$ 2,681,059. \$ 15,697.99

Respectfully submitted,

Edward R. Davis
BUILDING INSPECTOR/ZONING OFFICER

NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Annual Report - 1989

Once again during this past year, the Northfield Conservation Commission has been very active in helping to administer the Wetlands Protection Act. In the course of the year we have made numerous on-site inspections relative to perspective building and other projects and we have made five formal rulings under the Wetlands Protection Act. The Commission met on the third Monday of each month with additional meetings as necessary for special projects and hearings.

Highlights of the year's activities include:

1. Commission members attended monthly meetings of a four town Conservation Commission group concerning aquifer protection and erosion of the Connecticut River. These meetings have resulted in Northeast Utilities funding a 1.4 million dollar study and master plan for erosion control measures.
2. Notice of Intent was received from Mr. & Mrs. Frank Bordner for the restoration of Wanamaker Pond. This is an on-going project.
3. Determination of Applicability was approved for Northeast Utilities for construction of a new dock on the Connecticut River at the Riverview picnic area that would enhance safety of public use of the area.
4. Completion of the Perry Pond spillway restoration project following major late spring flooding.

In addition we would report that:

1. The Agricultural Preservation Restriction applications received in 1988 from Northfield Mount Hermon School and Mr. William Llewelyn have received no further action.
2. During the year Commission members attended several DEQE sponsored workshops.
2. The chairmanship of the Commission is still vacant.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond Parenteau, Acting Secretary
Paul Carpenter
David Coutu
Neal Smith
Mary Ann Wozniak
Drake Williams
William Llewelyn
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Report of
NORTHFIELD PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE

To The Selectmen, Board of Health and Citizens of the Town of Northfield:

The Nursing Department is operated on a part-time basis. Since hours are flexible, special appointments can be arranged. Townspeople may seek medical or personal assistance as needed. The nurse can be reached through the Town Secretary at 498-2901.

Free monthly Blood Pressure Clinics continue to be held at the Nurse's office every second Tuesday of the month from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. A second free monthly Blood Pressure Clinic is held every third Wednesday of the month at the Community Center at Squakheag Village from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Visits are also made to members of the elderly, handicapped or low-income units, who are unable to go to the Community Center. All townspeople, regardless of age, are welcome to attend any or all of these public services at both clinic sites.

On October 26, 1989, the Board of Health sponsored a yearly Flu Vaccine Clinic at the Senior Center. I was assisted by Mrs. Paula Quinn, R.N., and Mrs. Jessie Blazejewski, R.N. Dr. Carl Perkins of Northfield Mount Hermon School was the attending physician, and 90 adults were immunized. I administered the flu vaccine to another 58 people at their homes or at the office. In all, a total of 148 doses of vaccine was given.

On Sept. 29, 1989, the Fortnightly sponsored the annual Red Cross Bloodmobile. Eighteen pints of blood was collected.

I'd like to thank Dr. Carl Perkins, the nurses, senior citizens and other townspeople who assisted in making these projects successful.

Report of Visits Made in 1989

Home Visits.....	392
Office Visits.....	130
Not Home Visits.....	5
Total Visits.....	527

Total receipts turned in to the Town Treasurer by the Nursing Department for the year ending 1989 was \$6,001.49.

As a member of the Council on Aging, I attended the monthly meetings held on the third Thursday of the month, unless nursing duties or appointments intervened.

I continue to attend seminars and educational programs to keep abreast of the changes and current trends in the health care field.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the members of the Board of Health and Shirley Thompson, Secretary, for their continued assistance and support this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen U. Gorzocoski, R.N.

NORTHFIELD PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Northfield Fire Department responded to 134 emergency calls last year. The calls are listed as follows:

Structure Fire	1
Chimney Fires	9
Vehicle Fires	6
Vehicle Accidents	5
Electrical Fires	17
Smoke Investigations	5
Fire Alarms Activated	15
Malicious False Alarms	6
Mutual Aid Responses	22
Mutual Aid Received	2
Oven Fires	5
Brush Fires	10
Illegal Burning	2
Hazardous Materials Response	5
Arson Investigations	4
Miscellaneous Responses	<u>16</u>
Total	134

We had only one fire causing structural damage in Northfield last year. I contribute this partially to luck, but mostly to the continually growing number of homes protected by smoke detectors. SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES - AND PROPERTY.

Last year started off with a lot of concern about the lack of snowfall and low water tables. Luckily, substantial rainfall in the spring and summer brought the water levels up to and above normal. I was expecting a serious problem with brush fires, but as it turned out, the number of grass and brush fires in Northfield dropped dramatically. We still had a couple of residents burning brush without permission. The burning "season" in Massachusetts is January 15th to May 1st, weather permitting. Anyone wanting to burn brush should contact the Franklin County Emergency Dispatch Center at 772-2133.

The largest increase in calls were our Mutual Aid responses to our neighboring towns. Hinsdale, N.H., Gill, Bernardston, and Millers Falls had several serious fires where we were requested to help bring them under control.

Northfield received Mutual Aid twice - both times to cover our station while we had our men and equipment committed on a call.

In station repairs, the men are relocating the kitchen downstairs and are building a separate radio dispatch room. This is being done by donations and from our own funds.

The "big news" is Northfield acquiring an aerial ladder truck. We have many occupied buildings in town that have been "out of reach" for fire protection. These buildings include dormitories, churches, school buildings, apartments, and even some of the larger houses along Main St. Up until now we have had to do without, or in dire need, request a ladder truck from either Greenfield, Turners Falls, or Brattleboro, Vt. A ladder truck response in good weather was at least 20 to 30 minutes away. The ladder truck we acquired is a used - City of Boston - 100-ft. aerial. It was purchased by the firemen. The ladder is in excellent condition, and mechanically the truck is in good condition. It does need some body work, a paint job and accessory equipment. All this will be done by the firemen. The money for this will not be coming from taxes! We are going to be initiating a major fund drive, similar to the one a few years ago for the "Jaws of Life". We have already received a few contributions and have had pledges of support for additional monies. This truck will substantially increase our fire suppression and rescue capabilities. It will take time and a lot of effort, but will be worth it.

In closing, I want to thank all the men of my department for their continued dedication to serving the people of Northfield as firefighters. I also want to thank the individual citizens of Northfield for their support and all Departments, Boards, and Committees who have helped me during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

F.M. "Skip" Dunnell
FIRE CHIEF

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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FRANKLIN, SS

To any of the Constables of the Town of Northfield, in the County of Franklin, GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Northfield, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the

### Pioneer Valley Regional School Auditorium

in said Town on Monday, May 7, 1990 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to waive the reading of the Warrant and act on the motions of the following articles, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to hear and act upon the reports of the several Town Officers, Boards, Committees, Commissioners and Trustees, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 4 of the Mass. General Laws, as amended, to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the current fiscal year beginning July 1, 1990, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one (1) year, and under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 17, to renew any such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one (1) year, any debt or debts incurred hereunder to be paid from the revenue of the said fiscal year, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote under the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 10B of the General Laws of Mass., as amended, to fix the salaries of all elected officials for Fiscal Year 1991, and raise and appropriate any sum or sums of money therefor, and further raise and appropriate any sum or sums of money for the maintenance of the several departments of the Town and for other necessary charges, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

# GENERAL GOVERNMENT

| <u>TITLE</u>                     | <u>1990</u> |             | <u>APPROPRIATION</u> |                 |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------------|-----------------|
|                                  |             |             | <u>1991</u>          | <u>Fin.Com.</u> |
|                                  |             |             | Requested            | Recommend.      |
| Moderator                        |             |             |                      |                 |
| Salary                           |             | 71.         | 71.                  | 71.             |
| Expenses                         |             | 80.         | 80.                  | 80.             |
| Selectmen                        | <u>1990</u> | <u>1991</u> | 3236.                | 3236.           |
| Chairman                         | 1121.40     | 1121.40     |                      |                 |
| Members                          | 1057.30     | 1057.30     |                      |                 |
| Expenses                         |             |             | 4900.                | 4900.           |
| Administrative Assistant         |             |             | 18750.               | 25200.          |
| Secretary Salary                 |             |             | 16500.               | 17325.          |
| Copy Machine, Supplies & Service |             |             | 1200.                | 1000.           |
| Accountant                       |             |             |                      |                 |
| Salary                           |             |             | 11000.               | 11550.          |
| Expenses                         |             |             | 300.                 | 300.            |
| Treasurer                        |             |             |                      |                 |
| Salary                           |             |             | 5817.                | 6108.           |
| Expenses                         |             |             | 3000.                | 3500.           |
| Tax Title Foreclosure Cost       |             |             | 400.                 | 400.            |
| Tax Collector                    |             |             |                      |                 |
| Salary                           |             |             | 4078.                | 4282.           |
| Expenses                         |             |             | 4500.                | 5000.           |
| Assessors                        | <u>1990</u> | <u>1991</u> | 3630.                | 3630.           |
| Chairman                         | 1261.20     | 1261.20     |                      |                 |
| Others                           | 1184.40     | 1184.40     |                      |                 |
| Clerk                            |             |             | 6027.                | 6328.           |
| Expenses                         |             |             | 2950.                | 2900.           |
| Finance Committee Expenses       |             |             | 100.                 | 100.            |
| Town Clerk                       |             |             |                      |                 |
| Salary                           |             |             | 2500.                | 2625.           |
| Expenses                         |             |             | 400.                 | 400.            |
| Elections & Registration         |             |             | 2000.                | 2000.           |
| Town Counsel, Expenses           |             |             | 15000.               | 7500.           |
| Planning Board Expenses          |             |             | 500.                 | 500.            |
| Appeals Board Expenses           |             |             | 275.                 | 275.            |
| Town Hall                        |             |             |                      |                 |
| Custodian                        |             |             | 5905.                | 6200.           |
| Maintenance                      |             |             | 9000.                | 9000.           |
| TOTAL                            |             | 122119.     | 121119.              | 124410.         |

## PUBLIC SAFETY

|                    |  |        |        |        |
|--------------------|--|--------|--------|--------|
| Constables         |  |        |        |        |
| Wages              |  | 300.   | 300.   | 300.   |
| Expenses           |  | 30.    | 0.     | 30.    |
| Police Department  |  |        |        |        |
| Chief Salary       |  | 24000. | 24000. | 25200. |
| 2nd Police Officer |  | 19000. | 19000. | 19950. |
| Part-time Officers |  | 16303. | 16303. | 16303. |

|                                  |         |         |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Holiday Pay - Chief              | 960.    | 960.    | 960.    |
| Over-time wages                  | 2766.   | 2766.   | 2766.   |
| Police Department Operating Exp. | 19545.  | 19545.  | 19545.  |
| Police Liability Insurance       | 5089.   | 5089.   | 5089.   |
| Emergency Personnel Services     | 3000.   | 3000.   | 3000.   |
| Fire Department Salaries         |         |         |         |
| Chief Salary                     | 1500.   | 1500.   | 1500.   |
| Forest Fire Warden               | 300.    | 300.    | 300.    |
| Public Safety Officer            | 150.    | 150.    | 150.    |
| Fire Dept. Secretary             | 200.    | 200.    | 200.    |
| Fire Dept. Wages                 | 9000.   | 10500.  | 10500.  |
| Fire Dept. Operating Expense     | 13500.  | 13500.  | 13500.  |
| Inspection Fees                  | 1100.   | 1100.   | 1100.   |
| Hose & Equipment                 | 6500.   | 6500.   | 6500.   |
| Hydrants                         | 1500.   | 1500.   | 1500.   |
| Maintenance Fire Station         | 5000.   | 5500.   | 5000.   |
| Tree Department                  |         |         |         |
| Wages                            | 4500.   | 6000.   | 4500.   |
| Expenses                         | 1000.   | 1000.   | 1000.   |
| Insect & Pest Control            | 414.    | 414.    | 414.    |
| Wire Inspector Program           | 7121.   | 8387.   | 8387.   |
| Building Inspector Services      | 7329.   | 7725.   | 7670.   |
| Dog Officer                      |         |         |         |
| Wages                            | 1500.   | 1500.   | 1500.   |
| Expenses                         | 1200.   | 1200.   | 1000.   |
| Civil Defense                    | 1000.   | 1000.   | 1000.   |
| Fence Viewers, Pound Keepers,    |         |         |         |
| Field Drivers                    | 1.      | 1.      | 1.      |
| TOTAL                            | 153808. | 158940. | 158865. |

#### HEALTH AND SANITATION

|                                 |        |        |        |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Board of Health                 |        |        |        |
| Salaries                        | 1361.  | 1361.  | 1361.  |
| Expenses                        | 2200.  | 2200.  | 2200.  |
| Nursing Service & Expenses      | 10500. | 10500. | 11003. |
| Board of Health Secretary/Clerk | 700.   | 700.   | 700.   |
| Shared Health Agent             | 2142.  | 2430.  | 2430.  |
| Septic Inspection Fees          | 1300.  | 1300.  | 1300.  |
| Animal Inspector                | 525.   | 525.   | 525.   |
| Sewer Commission                |        |        |        |
| Salaries                        | 817.   | 817.   | 817.   |
| Expenses                        | 67.    | 67.    | 67.    |
| Sewer Dept. Collector           | 404.   | 404.   | 404.   |
| Sewer Department Wages          | 26509. | 26509. | 27834. |
| Operation & Maint. Sewer Plant  | 19338. | 19338. | 19338. |
| TOTAL                           | 65863. | 66151. | 67979. |



### HIGHWAYS

|                                       |               |               |               |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Highway Supt. Expenses                | 800.          | 800.          | 800.          |
| Highway Dept. Wages                   | 82272.        | 63634.        | 66814.        |
| Snow Removal Wages                    | 38204.        | 32000.        | 33600.        |
| Snow Removal Expenses                 | 36200.        | 48200.        | 48200.        |
| Maintenance, Highway Garage           | 4000.         | 3500.         | 3500.         |
| Machinery Maintenance                 | 55000.        | 55000.        | 55000.        |
| Highways, Bridges & Railings          | 69600.        | 69600.        | 69600.        |
| Piling & Stoning                      | 18000.        | 18000.        | 18000.        |
| Highway Tools                         | 800.          | 500.          | 500.          |
| Garage Tools                          | 200.          | 200.          | 200.          |
| Street Lights                         | 24000.        | 29700.        | 13800.        |
| Highway Bounds, Surveys, Street Lists | 1.            | 1.            | 1.            |
| Waste Disposal                        | <u>80000.</u> | <u>80000.</u> | <u>80000.</u> |
| TOTAL                                 | 409077.       | 401135.       | 390015.       |

### VETERANS

|                  |       |        |        |
|------------------|-------|--------|--------|
| Soldiers' Relief | 4000. | 12000. | 12000. |
|------------------|-------|--------|--------|

### LIBRARIES

|                          |             |             |             |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Dickinson Library        |             |             |             |
| Wages                    | 33532.      | 33532.      | 35006.      |
| Expenses                 | 15058.      | 16402.      | 15533.      |
| Northfield Farms Library | <u>400.</u> | <u>400.</u> | <u>400.</u> |
| TOTAL                    | 48990.      | 50334.      | 50939.      |

### RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

|                                 |               |               |               |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Recreation Commission           | 8000.         | 8000.         | 8000.         |
| Maintenance Athletic Field      | 600.          | 600.          | 600.          |
| Conservation Commission         | 225.          | 225.          | 225.          |
| Reserve Fund                    | 10000.        | 10000.        | 10000.        |
| Land Damages                    | 1.            | 1.            | 1.            |
| Town Reports                    | 2200.         | 2200.         | 2200.         |
| Memorial Day                    | 1000.         | 1000.         | 1000.         |
| Insurance, Chapter 32B          | 78000.        | 84400.        | 84400.        |
| Other Insurance                 | 60000.        | 61000.        | 61000.        |
| Historical Society Building     | 300.          | 300.          | 300.          |
| Historical Commission           | 200.          | 200.          | 200.          |
| Alexander Hall                  | 340.          | 340.          | 340.          |
| Town Clock                      | 75.           | 75.           | 75.           |
| Medicare                        | 9000.         | 9000.         | 9000.         |
| Council on Aging                | 2747.         | 2747.         | 2747.         |
| Solid Waste District            | 4480.         | 4473.         | 4473.         |
| Emergency Medical Transporttion | <u>12933.</u> | <u>13486.</u> | <u>13486.</u> |
| TOTAL                           | 190101.       | 198047.       | 198047.       |

### CEMETERIES

|                               |            |            |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Wages & Contractural Services | 750.       | 750.       | 750.       |
| Expenses                      | <u>50.</u> | <u>50.</u> | <u>50.</u> |
| TOTAL                         | 800.       | 800.       | 800.       |

### INTEREST AND DEBT

|                                     |                   |               |               |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Interest                            | 3000.             | 3000.         | 3000.         |
| Maturing Debt.--Sewer, Int.& Princ. | 63318.            | 61339.        | 61339.        |
| Elem. School Interest               | <u>          </u> | <u>12920.</u> | <u>12920.</u> |
| TOTAL                               | 66318.            | 77259.        | 77259.        |

### SCHOOLS

|                                    |          |          |          |
|------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Elem. School Com. Salaries         | 1103.    | 1103.    | 1103.    |
| Elementary School                  | 729875.  | 804660.  | 766369.  |
| Pioneer Valley Reg. School Oper.   | 594995.  | 642637.  | 584977.  |
| Pioneer Valley Reg. School Capital | 329.     | 30576.   | 30576.   |
| Franklin Co. Tech. School Capital  | 3195.    | 2146.    | 2146.    |
| Franklin Co. Tech. School Oper.    | 91898.   | 65882.   | 65882.   |
| TOTAL                              | 1421395. | 1547004. | 1451053. |
| GRAND TOTAL                        | 2482471. | 2632789. | 2531367. |

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to accept the report of the committee appointed to study and report to the Town with its recommendation for reducing the number of street lights within the Town, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to accept from the Northfield Mount Hermon School, a Massachusetts corporation, or any other granting agency or corporation, any sum or sums of money to reimburse the Town for FY91 for emergency medical purposes, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for the purchase of new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for the Fire Department, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount Requested: \$4,500.00

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer the sum of \$4,500.00 from the Mass. Emergency Assistance Aid fund.



ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for Fire Department water holes, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount requested: \$1,000.00

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer the sum of \$1,000.00 from the Mass. Emergency Assistance Aid Fund.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money as the Town's share of Chapter 90-type reconstruction, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount requested: \$18,911.00

The Finance Committee recommends.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to accept an Equal Educational Opportunity Grant (E.E.O.G.) for Fiscal Year 1991 in the amount of \$21,215.00 under the provisions of Gen. Laws, Chapter 70A, Section 5 as inserted by Chapter 188 of the Acts of 1985. Said grant shall be expended by the School Committee for direct service expenditures (Northfield Elementary School), or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Franklin County Technical School District to accept an Equal Educational Opportunity Grant (E.E.O.G.) from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the amount of \$12,281.00 in additional education aid for Fiscal Year 1991, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following sums of money for Perpetual Care of the following cemetery lots:

|                                                                                                |               |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| From Richard B. & Anna W. Card, for Perpetual Care of Lot #1 in Northfield Farms Cemetery      | \$200.00      |
| From Roger & Maria Rogers, for Perpetual Care of Lots #65 & #66 in Pentecost Rd. Cemetery      | 200.00        |
| From John H. Stevens, for Perpetual Care of Lot #27A in West Northfield Cemetery               | 200.00        |
| From Edna K. Coyne & Shirley Tyhsen, for Perpetual Care of Lot #37 in West Northfield Cemetery | <u>100.00</u> |
| Total                                                                                          | \$700.00      |

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to appoint one of their members as Clerk of and to the Board of Assessors, in accord with the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 4A of the Mass. General Laws, and/or to employ a Clerk, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.



ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Assessors to use from available funds, any sum or sums of money for the purpose of reducing the tax levy for Fiscal Year 1991, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer the sum of \$105,000.00 from Free Cash.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money for reducing the size of the tax maps for Town Hall use, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount requested: \$252.00

The Finance Committee recommends.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money for the revaluation of real properties within the Town of Northfield, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount requested: \$16,400.00

The Finance Committee recommends.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint a Master Plan Study Committee of no less than six (6) but no more than ten (10) members to represent, but not be limited to the following areas: previous Master Plan committee, businesses, agriculture, environmental protection, home owners, renters, recreation, education, senior citizens and geographic sections of the Town, to work in conjunction with the Northfield Planning Board; said committee to be appointed no later than Oct. 1, 1990, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will petition the General Court to pass legislation allowing the retention of all deeds excise tax revenues collected in Franklin County under Chapter 193, Acts of 1989, to be used exclusively for the purpose of providing regional municipal and human services within Franklin County, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 19. (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to pass the following resolution, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

'It is the will of the people of Northfield that the Town Clerk send the following resolution to President Bush, Senator Kerry, Senator Kennedy and Representative Conte.

"The voters of the Town of Northfield feel compelled by conscience, civic responsibility, and common sense to protest the draining of our scarce financial resources for financial military spending. Particularly at a time when

the "cold war" is officially recognized as over, we affirm our security depends not on the quantity of our missiles, bombers, and overseas military bases, but on the availability of such basic and fundamental necessities as first rate education for our children, affordable housing, low-cost medical care and a clean environment."

And you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Northfield, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the

Town Hall

in Northfield on Tuesday, May 8, 1990 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to bring in their votes by ballot for the following officers for the coming year: one Moderator, for one year; one Selectman for three years; one Assessor, for three years; one Tax Collector, for three years; two School Committee members, for three years; one Pioneer Valley Regional School Committee member, for three years; two Library Trustees, for three years; one Cemetery Commissioner, for three years; one Planning Board member, for five years; two Board of Health members, for three years; one Sewer Commissioner, for three years; three Recreation Commission members, for three years, and one Recreation Commission member, for one year.

The polls will open at 8 A.M. and close at eight P.M.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the U. S. Post Office in Northfield, the Dickinson Library, the Field Library, Northfield Farms, and the V.F.W., West Northfield, in said Town seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this tenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety.

SELECTMEN  
of  
NORTHFIELD

Carolyn B. Parenteau, Chairman  
Eugene E. L'Etoile  
Bill Jacoby

A True Copy ATTEST:

James B. O'Shea, Constable



Report of  
TOWN MANAGER STUDY COMMITTEE

This Committee was composed of:

John Jurkowski  
Frederick Billiel  
Laura DiBari  
William Jacoby  
Dwight Stearns  
Barbara Mennard  
Richard Taerner

A Town Manager is a person hired by the Board of Selectmen to carry out their directives, represent them at county and state levels, assist both the Selectmen and the Finance Committee in all budgetary matters, may have the power to do all the hiring and firing of Town employees. He cannot be hired without the Town adopting Chapter 41, Section 25, which calls for a change in a Town Charter. He is at all times directly responsible to the Selectmen.

A research of the guidelines for setting up a charter revealed that Northfield does not meet the population requirement of 5,000. Northfield has a population of 2,700. After learning this, the Committee volunteered to help in the search for an Administrative Assistant. A request was made to the Selectmen and approved.

On January 16, 1990 the Selectmen unanimously hired Douglas E. O'Neil as the Town's full-time Administrative Assistant.

Respectfully submitted,

John F. Jurkowski  
for the Committee





